

Presenter Bios for: Human Trafficking: Spotlight on Exploitation

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Location: Century Link Building, Basement Conference Room

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come in person or watch on-line.

Description:

Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry thought to be one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world. No one is immune from being a victim of this horrendous crime; even in the U.S. This talk will discuss the global and national problem of human trafficking with a focus on trafficking within the Mountain West Region. Recognition and response to of victims. Discussion regarding screening, treatment and advocacy needs for victims of trafficking. And a discussion of resources for professionals who may encounter victims of trafficking. A Wyoming native will also discuss her story of being a victim of human trafficking.

Presenters:

Alexie LeZion, BA is a survivor of human trafficking from Wyoming. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Leadership. She serves as a member of the Human Trafficking Task Force for the State of Wyoming as a survivor of human trafficking and a survivor's voice for victims. She partnered with International Justice Mission to help pass Wyoming Legislation on Human Trafficking by sharing her story and speaks at various events throughout the country, her community, and the State of Wyoming. She has chosen to dedicate her life to help speak out about human trafficking, raise awareness at events, and educate the public. She has a passion to help fellow survivors of human trafficking overcome their adversities through healing, finding safe shelter, and teaching them how to express their voice fearlessly.

Elizabeth Champlain RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FN-Csp is a board certified Forensic Nurse Examiner and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, for adults, adolescents and pediatrics, at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. After nearly a decade in emergency nursing, Elizabeth shifted gears to focus her work as a forensic nurse and respond to the healthcare needs of victims of violence. Combining clinical expertise with trauma informed compassionate care, Elizabeth believes that you can make a difference in someone's world by stepping in, making a connection and believing. In addition to direct patient care, she has been busy educating first responders, police and medical providers on the trauma of violence, both physical and emotional, with a focus on how we can best work together in responding to victims. Elizabeth is a member of The Human Trafficking Task Force commissioned by the Wyoming Division of Victims Services, a member of her local Community Collaborative Response Team and Child Protection Team. Outside of work, Elizabeth is working on practicing the self-care she preaches to her patients and friends, and just might be found at yoga class, riding a bike or scrambling to finish a book for book club.

Michela Telford BSN, BS, RN, SANE-A is a Forensic Nurse at Ivinson Memorial Hospital in Laramie, Wyoming where she also practices as an Emergency Nurse. Michela began her career in healthcare as an Emergency Medical Technician. While working as an EMT, Michela pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Wyoming B.R.A.N.D. program. In addition to her BSN, Michela also completed a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology with a minor in Psychology from the University of Wyoming. Michela has spent the majority of her 12 years in healthcare in the emergency room setting. For the past 4 years Michela has practiced as a Forensic Nurse Examiner. Much of her time as a Forensic Nurse has been spent educating nurses, physicians, students and community members on identification and care for victims of violence. She has also co-developed a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner training; the first taught in Wyoming by Wyoming Forensic Nurses. Most recently, Michela began a career as a Flight Nurse with Medical Air Rescue Company. In her spare time Michela enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. She runs, whether she likes it or not; and loves spending time with her husband Stuart, daughter Rylie, and two Beagles, Abby and Finn.