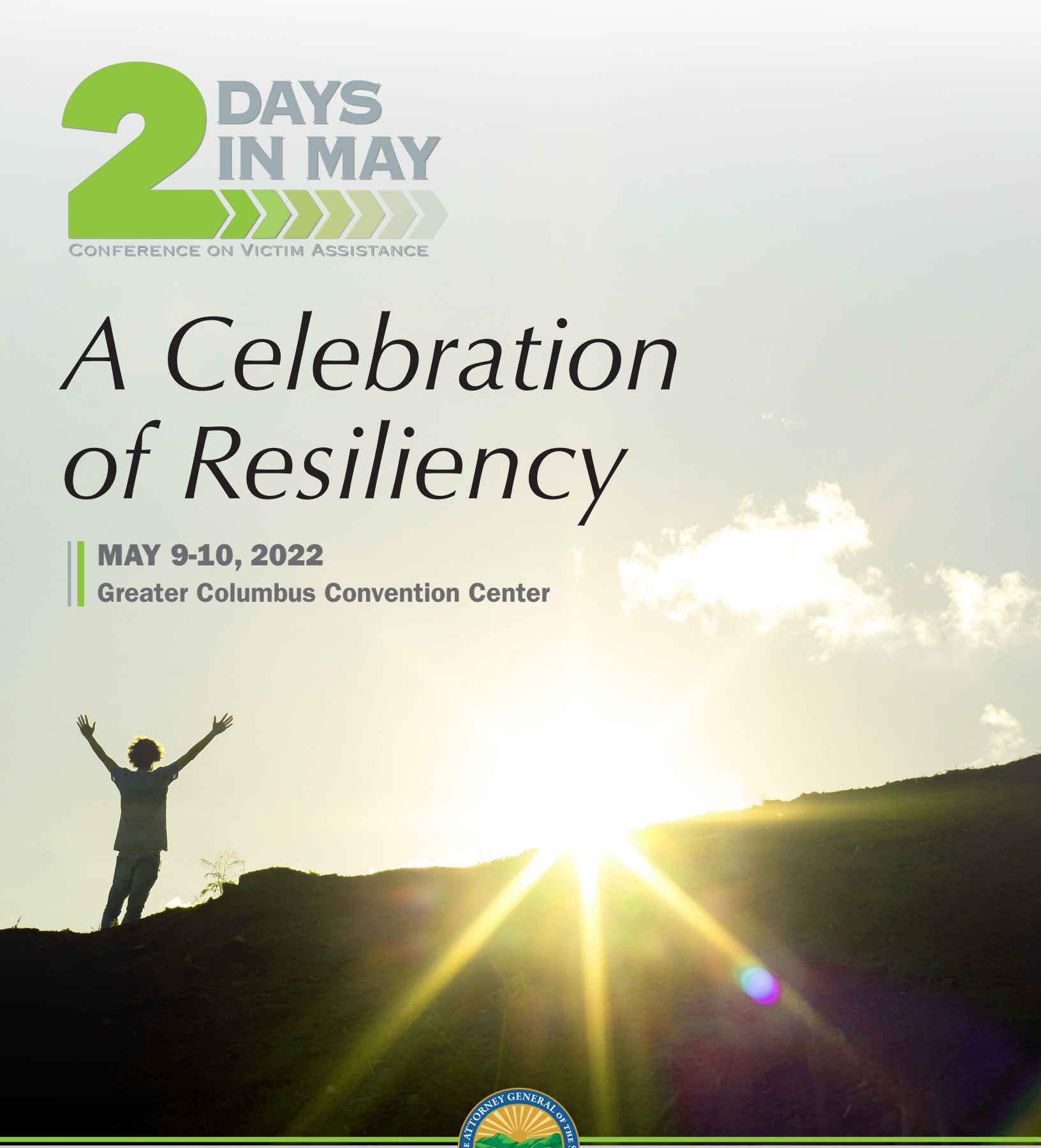
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DEAR COLLEAGUES,



Welcome to the Ohio Attorney General's Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance. After two years of interruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it's great to return in person to the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

We gather today to advance our mission — to protect the unprotected. This mission benefits from the knowledge we share and collaborations we develop. It's also why the opportunity to meet face to face again is so significant.

This year's conference, the 30th edition, is organized around the theme "A Celebration of Resiliency" — a subject our keynote speakers know well. The Day 1 opening session deals with sexual abuse in sports, and the Day 2 session with the emotional wounds of the 2019 Dayton shooting.

And as always, the conference offers outstanding workshops, 30 in all. These cover topics as wide-ranging as the connection between people with disabilities and human trafficking, cybersafety for survivors and advocates, and the needs of family members and others impacted by the death of a loved one by homicide. I encourage you to look through the workshop descriptions for sessions that most interest you and best expand your expertise.

Thanks for your passion to help crime victims put their lives back together. I hope that you leave the conference with a reinvigorated sense of purpose and a renewed sense of accomplishment, for the work you do changes lives and brings more compassion to a world that desperately needs it.

Yours,

Dave Yost

Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General

SCHEDULE | DAY 1

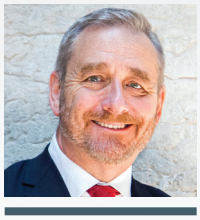
8 – 9 a.m.	**Continental Breakfast (Ballroom lobby); VOCA Clinic (Room A113)**
9 – 10:30 a.m.	**Opening Session:** Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost **Keynote**: U.S. Center for SafeSport: Collaboration to Prevent and Respond to Abuse • Ju'Riese Colon, U.S. Center for SafeSport • Katie Hanna, U.S. Center for SafeSport The U.S. Center for SafeSport is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in March 2017 in the wake of several high-profile abuse cases. The center is responsible for responding to and preventing emotional, physical and sexual misconduct and abuse in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movement. Under the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, the center is the only organization in the country congressionally mandated to take on this task. This presentation will highlight the work of the center and examine how the organization collaborates with law enforcement, advocates, and other systems across the country to end abuse and misconduct within the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic movement.
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m – 12:15 p.m.	**WORKSHOPS** 1 | Charitable Resiliency *(Room A113)* 2 | From Prosecution to Post-Conviction *(Room A210-211)* 3 | Legal and Legislative Update: DV, Stalking, Dating and Sexual Violence *(Room A121-122)* 4 | A Link Between Addiction and Vulnerability to Crime *(Room A124-125)* 5 | People with Disabilities & Human Trafficking: A Deeper Look at Best Practices *(Room A114-115)* 6 | Using Tech to Connect — Part 1: Cybersafety for Survivors and Advocates *(Room A213-215)*
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.	**Lunch (on your own)**
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.	**WORKSHOPS** 7 | Advocate Be Well: Resiliency Practices for Self-Care — Part 1 *(Room A124-125)* 8 | Better Together: Collaborative Community Response *(Room A114-115)* 9 | Elder Financial Crimes: The Role of Law Enforcement *(Room A113)* 10 | Marsy's Law in Ohio: Four Years of Implementation and Litigation *(Room A110-111)* 11 | The Youngest Survivors of Homicide and Gun Violence *(Room A210-211)* 12 | Using Tech to Connect — Part 2: Cybersecurity for Survivors & Advocates *(Room A213-215)*
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	**Break**
3:30 – 5 p.m.	**WORKSHOPS** 13 | Advocate Be Well: Resiliency Practices for Self-Care — Part 2 *(Room A124-125)* 14 | Crime Victims' Privacy Rights *(Room A110-111)* 15 | Civilian Agencies Supporting Military Victims of Sexual Assault *(Room A114-115)* 16 | Do You Stay or Do You Go? *(Room A121-122)* 17 | Invisible Injuries: Traumatic Brain Injury, Strangulation, Domestic Violence, and Victims of Crime *(Room A213-215)* 18 | Linking Systems of Care for Ohio's Youth (LSCOY) — Get Connected! *(Room A210-211)*
5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	**Association Meetings and Self Care Activities**

SCHEDULE | DAY 2

8 – 9 a.m.	**VOCA Clinic (Room A113)**
9 – 10:30 a.m.	**Plenary Session:** Community Collaboration at Its Best: A Response to the Oregon District Crisis • Sandy Hunt, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office • Stephen Massey, CitiLookout Trauma Recovery Center, Springfield • Bonnie Parish, Family Services of Dayton This presentation will highlight the response to the Aug. 4, 2019, Oregon District shooting in Dayton and the significance of the collaborative work and support that was done around healing a hurting community. The presenters will discuss the importance of collaborations and the lead role of trauma recovery centers, identify supportive services and outreach efforts that were put in place, discuss the post traumatic events that are still lingering, and emphasize the need for ongoing empathy as it relates to this tragedy. Relevant Ohio policy aimed at preventing and dealing with such events will also be examined.
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	**WORKSHOPS** 19 | Ethics in Advocacy — Part 1 *(Room A110-111)* 20 | Addressing the Needs of Co-Victims of Homicide *(Room A210-211)* 21 | The Children's Advocacy Center Response to Child Abuse *(Room A113)* 22 | When Your Office is Small but Mighty *(Room A124-125)* 23 | Fostering Victim Resiliency Through Ethical Storytelling and Empowering Voice *(Room A114-115)* 24 | Understanding Risk Assessment and Preparing for Aisha's Law *(Room A213-215)*
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.	**Awards Luncheon**
2 – 3:30 p.m.	**WORKSHOPS** 25 | Ethics in Advocacy — Part 2 *(Room A110-111)* 26 | AW: A Human Trafficking Case Study *(Room A114-115)* 27 | Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program: A Legislative Update *(Room A213-215)* 28 | Opportunities to Give Survivors Agency within the Legal System *(Room A124-125)* 29 | Positive Psychology: The Science of Being Happy *(Room A210-211)* 30 | Seeking Safety, Equity and Justice: Ohio Survey Results of DV Survivors *(Room A121-122)*

FEATURED SPEAKERS

DAY 1



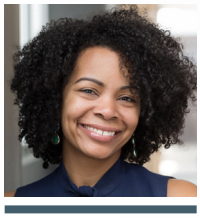
Dave Yost | Ohio Attorney General

Yost is Ohio's 51st attorney general, a post through which he focuses on protecting the vulnerable while fighting corruption throughout the state.

Yost earned his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and law degree from Capital University. After working as a reporter for the Columbus Citizen Journal, he began his public service career as Delaware County auditor and later served as the county's prosecutor. In that role, he helped take down the largest drug ring in county history and learned the immense value of victims' advocates.

From 2011 through 2018, Yost served as Ohio's auditor of state. He uncovered $30 million in stolen and misspent public funds and helped bring corrupt public officials to justice, leading to 170+ convictions.

In November 2018, Yost was elected attorney general. He has prioritized fighting human trafficking and opioid addiction, in addition to leading his office's work in protecting Ohio's consumers and educating law enforcement officers and charities. He's determined to leave the state a better home for his children and grandchildren, and their generations.



Ju'Riese Colón | U.S. Center for SafeSport

Colón is chief executive officer of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, the nation's only nonprofit organization committed to ending all forms of abuse in sport. As CEO, she leads the strategic vision and direction of the organization to ensure that every athlete is safe, supported and strengthened throughout the Olympic and Paralympic movement.

Colón previously served as the national vice president of child and club safety for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, developing policies and initiatives governing the safety of Boys & Girls Clubs across the United States, including those on Native lands and military bases.

She also served as the executive director of prevention and outreach for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). She led the center's prevention and education programs and initiatives related to online safety, child abduction and sexual exploitation. She was with NCMEC for 15 years.

Colón, an experienced child advocate, serves as an expert on issues related to child safety. She is a member of the American Camp Association Board of Directors and is chairwoman of the ACA Board Diversity Committee. She is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, where she received degrees in criminal justice and Spanish.

She is based in Denver.



Katie Hanna | U.S. Center for SafeSport

Hanna is vice president for education and public policy at the U.S. Center for SafeSport, directing the center's prevention, education and outreach efforts. Just prior to joining the center in December 2017, she was a Visiting Fellow at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Hanna served as executive director of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and, before that, led sexual assault prevention and response at Case Western Reserve University, working directly with children, youth and families in school and community settings. Her work has led to the passage of four laws at the federal and state levels that focus on prevention and response to sexual violence.

Hanna is president of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. She co-wrote the article "U.S. Center for SafeSport: Preventing Abuse in Sports," published in 2020 in the Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal, and the guide "Transforming Ohio Campuses: A Toolkit for Implementing the Changing Campus Culture Initiative," published in 2016.

She was a board member (2013-17) of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence and an Ohio recipient of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's 2017 Visionary Voice Award. She earned a bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a master's degree in counseling from Ohio University.

She is based in Denver.

DAY 2



Sandy Hunt | Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office

Hunt has directed the Victim/Witness Division in the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office since 2010 and has been with the division since 1990. She and her team were instrumental in providing emotional support, advocacy and assistance to Miami Valley residents impacted directly and indirectly by the 2019 Oregon District mass shooting.

In recognition of her efforts, she was honored by the Ohio Crisis Response Team for outstanding community leadership and also received the Dr. Marlene Young Leadership Award from the Ohio Victim Witness Association.

Throughout her career, she has facilitated support groups, managed volunteers, coordinated the Violence Prevention Project and given numerous presentations to schools and community groups. This work is in addition to providing supportive services to victims of crime.

Hunt is a registered advocate with the Ohio Victim Witness Association, a certified crisis responder with the National Organization of Victim Assistance, a trained Mental Health First Aid responder and a member of the Ohio Crisis Response Team.



Stephen Massey | CitiLookout, Springfield

Massey is chief operations officer at CitiLookout, a counseling and trauma recovery center in Springfield, and has worked in the city's social services sector since the 1990s. CitiLookout aims to help underserved, underrepresented and minority populations, and to break the stigma in those communities attached to behavioral health and counseling. The nonprofit's mandate is to quickly connect crime victims to services that are crucial to their safety and well-being — a role that proved crucial in the aftermath of the Oregon District shooting.

In addition to overseeing operations at CitiLookout, Massey directs the trauma recovery center and victim advocacy program, and oversees the Journey to Freedom program, which seeks to break the behaviors behind domestic violence. He also founded Awakenings of Clark County, an organization dedicated to mentoring minority youth and strengthening families.

Massey serves on several boards and commissions for the state of Ohio and has testified before legislators to advocate for reforms to the state's victim compensation laws, which were shown to be inadequate in the wake of the Dayton shooting and later revised.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and advanced degrees in mental health counseling and professional coaching.



Bonnie Parish | Family Services of the Greater Miami Valley

Parish has been executive director of Family Services since 2000.

After the Oregon District shooting, she reached out to other agencies and organizations to coordinate support services for victims, families, friends, witnesses and others touched by the horrific event. Within Family Services itself, she oversaw the creation of a trauma recovery center to focus the expertise of her staff on the specific needs of trauma victims.

A licensed social worker for decades, Parish has focused largely on the well-being of children and families. She has worked with several community mental health organizations in Columbus, including Nationwide Children's Mental Health program, a residential facility for severely emotionally disturbed children, and has helped develop and implement a community-based treatment program for mentally disabled adults.

Early in her career, she worked on a federal project to assist with the mental health and trauma issues of refugees displaced by the Vietnam War. From that experience, she developed a cross-cultural mental health treatment model that has been used worldwide. Parish has held academic appointments at The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College and Capital University, where she taught for 17 years.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

1

Room A113

Charitable Resiliency

Beth Short, Ohio Attorney General's Office

COVID has created crises in every segment of our lives, including the operation of charities. Only those that are committed to critical strategic board governance concepts will be able to survive in the long run. This workshop will cover the legal obligations that board members have in the operation of charities, including a discussion of COVID-specific challenges that have been difficult for charities.

2

Room A210-211

From Prosecution to Post-Conviction

Chrystal Alexander, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Jane McKenzie, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
Lance Pressley, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

There are many times that county victim assistance programs and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Office of Victim Services (OVS) work together to provide support to crime victims. This workshop will detail times in the post-conviction phase that local victim advocates and the OVS collaborate to provide services to crime victims navigating the process. Overlaps with the parole board's victim representative will also be addressed.



3

Room A121-122

Legal and Legislative Update: DV, Stalking, Dating and Sexual Violence

Micaela Deming, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Alexandria Ruden, Legal Aid Society-Cleveland

Presenters will provide an overview of state and federal legislative, rule and policy changes as well as significant case law developments relating to domestic violence, stalking, and dating and sexual violence.

4

Room A124-125

A Link Between Addiction and Vulnerability to Crime

Nathaniel Johnson, Cincinnati Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program

Individuals dealing with addiction are often at greater risk of becoming victims of a crime. This workshop will explore the link between addiction and addictive behaviors and an increased likelihood or vulnerability to becoming a victim of crime. The nature of addiction, cravings and drug-seeking behaviors will be addressed, and behaviors that can lead to victimization, including the use of basic screening tools, will be identified.

5

Room A114-115

People with Disabilities and Human Trafficking: A Deeper Look at Best Practices

Adonna Wilson-Baney, Adult Advocacy Centers
Katherine Yoder, Adult Advocacy Centers



Presenters will examine the intersection where human trafficking and people with disabilities meet. Providing a unique perspective rarely explored in training, the workshop is crucial for service providers, educators, medical and mental health professionals, and others who want to understand the gaps in service for this population and how they impact the disability community. The presentation will look at best practices for providing services to adult victims of human trafficking who are disabled, and will highlight resources available to them. It will include lectures, facilitated group discussions, videos, and other activities as appropriate. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of victims' needs and the collaborative efforts of the Adult Advocacy Centers to ensure equal access to investigative, prosecutorial and treatment services.

6

Room A213-215

Using Tech to Connect — Part 1: Cybersafety for Survivors and Advocates

Emily Kulow, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Wendy Ricks-Hoff, Ohio Victim Witness Association
Bill Wagg, Irth Solutions
Alicia Williamson, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

This is the first in a series of two workshops (see Workshop 12) for frontline advocates and victim services professionals who are navigating the use of technology to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Focused on cybersafety, the workshop will examine types of technology that can be used safely and ethically to communicate with crime victims, the implications of meaningful access, and social media ethics in advocacy. Safety planning scenarios will also be explored.

7

Room A124-125

Advocate Be Well: Resiliency Practices for Self-Care — Part 1

Sonia Ferencik, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

This is the first in a series of two workshops (see Workshop 13) for frontline advocates and supervisors to share vital knowledge about the vagus nerve, breathing, and movement in addressing secondary trauma exposure. Practical strategies weaved through self-discovery activities will encourage new and seasoned advocates to become accountable for their self-care and overall well-being. Advocates will explore burnout, compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma concepts to gain awareness about how to be well in their services to child and adult survivors. In addition, they will learn about the science behind wellness approaches and have an opportunity to experience mindful listening, breathing and moving techniques.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Room
A114-115

Better Together: Collaborative Community Response

Jessica Gordon, Women Helping Women
Nancy Paraskevopoulos, Women Helping Women



DVERT (Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team) is a trauma-focused crisis response team that provides an on-call, on-scene response to domestic violence survivors to avert gender-based violence and to prevent children from growing up in violent homes. DVERT provides on-scene safety planning, access to resources, empowerment, and engagement in ongoing support services. This workshop will explore the benefits of a collaborative community response and identify tools for measuring successful implementation.

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Room
A113

Elder Financial Crimes: The Role of Law Enforcement

Sylvia Pla-Raith, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Teri Ruslander, Grove City Division of Police (Retired)
April Wehrle, Ohio Attorney General's Office

Elder financial abuse is an underrecognized problem with devastating and even life-threatening consequences. Every day, headlines throughout the U.S. paint a bleak picture of older vulnerable adults who have been scammed and exploited, often by people they trust most. Elder financial exploitation has been coined the crime of the 21st century. This workshop will address the complexity of elder financial exploitation and the legal mechanisms available to resolve particular cases and the need for multidisciplinary approaches to collectively respond to the problem.

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Room
A110-111

Marsy's Law in Ohio: Four Years of Implementation and Litigation

Latina Bailey, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Catherine Harper Lee, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Elizabeth Well, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Bobbie Yeager, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

On Feb. 5, 2018, the Ohio Crime Victims Bill of Rights (Marsy's Law) went into effect. This constitutional amendment has altered the legal landscape within the criminal justice system in favor of protecting victims and upholding their rights. Since its passage, legislation providing guidance on the implementation of Marsy's Law has yet to pass, resulting in irregular implementation and victims' rights litigation. This workshop will focus on the implementation, litigation and case law that is shaping the Modern Victims' Rights Movement in Ohio and nationally.

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Room
A210-211

The Youngest Survivors of Homicide and Gun Violence

Monica Benton, Cincinnati Police Department
Karen D. Rumsey, Cincinnati Police Department
Michelle Winslow, Cincinnati Police Department

There is an increasing need for support and advocacy for youth survivors impacted by homicide and gun violence. This workshop will highlight the efforts to support the youngest survivors through the use of Photovoice. Included will be a screening of the documentary "Shoot This, Not That!" which highlights the trauma experienced by young people impacted by homicide. The workshop will also examine non-traditional benefits of using Photovoice to help young people address their trauma and hope for the future.

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Room
A213-215

Using Tech to Connect — Part 2: Cybersecurity for Survivors and Advocates

Emily Kulow, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Wendy Ricks-Hoff, Ohio Victim Witness Association
Bill Wagg, Irth Solutions
Alicia Williamson, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

This is the second in a series of two workshops (see Workshop 6) for frontline advocates and victim services professionals who are navigating the use of technology to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Focused on cybersecurity, the workshop will examine ways to protect both victim and advocate information, as well as resources to identify technology being used to stalk or monitor victims. Live demonstrations (e.g., guided demonstration for changing location settings, how to look for spyware on devices) will also be incorporated into the presentation.

13

Room
A124-125

Advocate Be Well: Resiliency Practices for Self-Care — Part 2

Sonia Ferencik, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

The second in a series of two workshops (see Workshop 7) for frontline advocates and supervisors and will build on the information and experiential activities of Part 1. Mind-body connections, trauma reactivity, the stress response system and regulation of the nervous system will be examined. Actionable strategies and support resources will be presented. Participants also will explore additional techniques, including chair yoga and guided imagery.



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Room
A110-111

Crime Victims' Privacy Rights

Latina Bailey, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Catherine Harper Lee, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Elizabeth Well, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
Bobbie Yeager, Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center

Protecting victims' rights in criminal cases is a critical component of ensuring balance in the criminal justice system. The right to privacy is arguably the most crucial right because it allows victims to pursue justice without compromising private aspects of their lives. Nevertheless, victims' privacy rights are often overlooked by the criminal justice system in favor of protecting defendants' constitutional rights, even though victims' right to privacy also originates in the U.S. Constitution. This workshop will examine the ways in which victims' privacy can be protected in both civil and criminal proceedings, inside and outside the court system.

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Room
A114-115

Civilian Agencies Supporting Military Victims of Sexual Assault

Kyle Davidson, Ohio National Guard
Karisa Myers, Ohio Joint Force Headquarters



There is a vast number of Ohioans who serve in the military and work and live in Ohio communities. This workshop will focus on the Ohio National Guard's (ONG) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, including information on ONG's advocacy program; available resources; and partnerships with community advocacy programs, local law enforcement, and medical and behavioral health resources. The workshop also will look at common myths about sexual assault in the military and explore ONG's offender-focused prevention training and bystander philosophy.

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Room
A121-122

Do You Stay or Do You Go?

Rebekkah O'Bryan, Ohio Department of Public Safety
Veronica Scherbauer, Ohio Department of Public Safety

In this interactive session, facilitators will guide participants through a role-playing activity designed to provide insight into the life of a youth being exploited by human trafficking. This workshop will allow participants to gain an in-depth understanding of trafficking and how people are made vulnerable to exploitation. The importance of empathy in working with survivors will also be discussed.

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Room
A213-215

Invisible Injuries: Traumatic Brain Injury, Strangulation, Domestic Violence, and Victims of Crime

Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

Domestic violence victims experience terrible and traumatic physical injuries through blows to the head or strangulation, and we're just discovering how those affect the brain. Brain injury caused by domestic violence is rarely identified and almost never immediately treated. It has short- and long-term physical, emotional and cognitive consequences that can impact every area of a person's life, including his or her ability to successfully access and participate in your agency's services. This session will provide participants with an overview of the intersection of brain injury and domestic violence and equip them to address brain injuries using an innovative framework called CARE, developed by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network in partnership with The Ohio State University. The workshop includes practical, hands-on tools.

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Room
A210-211

Linking Systems of Care for Ohio's Youth (LSCOY) — Get Connected!

Lisa DeGeeter, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Nancy Radcliffe, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Maria York, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

The Linking Systems of Care for Ohio's Youth (LSCOY) project has been working to better address crimes against children, youth and young adults (ages 0-26) through a unique collaboration that has been developing resources for individuals, families and service providers. The workshop will highlight some of the resources that have been created and share information about resources being developed in the final phase of the project. Participants will be shown the LSCOY website and learn how they can get better connected, too.



19

Room
A110-111

Ethics in Advocacy — Part 1

Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Wendy Ricks-Hoff, Ohio Victim Witness Association

The first in a series of two interactive and easy to digest workshops on Ethics in Advocacy (see Workshop 25), this presentation will inform participants about the NOVA Code of Ethics, which governs the conduct of victim assistance providers with a special emphasis on ethical considerations regarding confidentiality, boundaries, oppression and accessibility. The workshop will examine issues such as client rights; privacy; confidentiality; reporting responsibilities; and relationships with colleagues, other professionals and the public.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Room
A210-211

Addressing the Needs of Co-Victims of Homicide

Rosemary H. Creeden, Frontline Service, Cleveland
Ali Pillow, Cleveland Division of Police
Wendy Regoeczi, Cleveland State University

This interactive workshop will report the findings of "Addressing the Needs of Co-Victims of Homicide," a groundbreaking white paper that represents the voices of 45 co-victims of homicide across Ohio. Presenters will highlight problems and concerns shared in the surveys/interviews, describe the partnership developed between Frontline Service and the Cleveland police homicide unit to address the unique needs of this population, and explain the development and implementation of the HEAL Multi-Disciplinary Team for Co-Victims of Homicide as a replicable model for ensuring that all victims' advocacy, mental health, spiritual and basic needs are addressed.

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Room
A113

The Children's Advocacy Center Response to Child Abuse

Caitlin Bentley, Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers

This workshop aims to inform participants about Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs), a national model of community-based, child-friendly, trauma-informed organizations that coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child maltreatment allegations. This broad overview will discuss the importance of the multidisciplinary team to the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases, and the trauma-informed advocacy and treatment for the victims and non-offending caregivers involved in these cases.

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Room
A124-125

When Your Office is Small but Mighty

Vicky Kulicke, The University of Toledo
Lindsay Tuttle, The University of Toledo

The University of Toledo Title IX Office is looking to change the landscape of higher education by taking a different approach to awareness of sexual misconduct. This workshop will highlight the evolution of the office and how it is meeting the requirements and expectations of VAWA, ODHE, DOJ and VOCA. The presenters will discuss the importance of integration and partnership in programming and successful awareness campaigns, as well as lessons learned.

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Room
A114-115

Fostering Victim Resiliency Through Ethical Storytelling and Empowering Voice

Alicia Ley, The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking

Stories are a powerful force that create meaning and help shape our perspective of the world around us. Victim organizations across various disciplines use stories to inspire, educate and share the impact of their work. And yet, we also know that for many organizations, story is currency. Ethical storytelling recognizes that it not only matters that stories are shared, it also matters how they are shared. This workshop will explore how the ability to tell stories with an empowered survivor voice can impact both victim and organizational resiliency. Practical tips for moving beyond sensationalism and avoiding revictimization will also be discussed.

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Room
A213-215

Understanding Risk Assessment and Preparing for Aisha's Law

Timothy Boehnlein, Cuyahoga County Witness Victim Service Center
Molly Kaplan, Journey Center for Safety and Healing

If passed, House Bill 3, known as Aisha's Law, would change domestic violence investigation, prosecution and advocacy. It also would mandate the use of a risk assessment tool by law enforcement. This workshop will provide a basic legislative update on the bill and do a deep dive into domestic violence risk assessment and how it can help keep victims engaged and safe, and also hold offenders accountable. Presenters will draw on local experience of implementing risk assessment into the community's domestic violence response and identification of high-risk cases, and discuss examples of risk assessment in practice.

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Room
A110-111

Ethics in Advocacy — Part 2

Rachel Ramirez, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Wendy Ricks-Hoff, Ohio Victim Witness Association

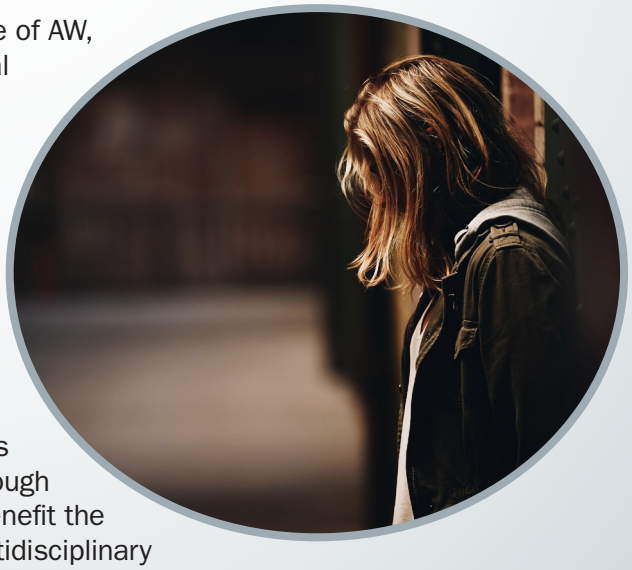
This workshop is the second in a series of two interactive and easy to digest workshops on Ethics in Advocacy (see Workshop 19). The session will examine special ethical considerations, including boundaries, oppression and accessibility, as well as social media, technology and virtual services. Ethical considerations during a pandemic also will be discussed.

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Room
A114-115

AW: A Human Trafficking Case Study

Jennifer Rausch, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Jomel Spurlock, Ohio Attorney General's Office



This presentation will examine the case of AW, who ran a sex trafficking ring for several months in 2017, including how the investigative information was gathered and presented to the prosecutor for consideration. One of the victims was 16 years old, falling into a loophole that existed at the time in Ohio law; that loophole, along with the charges AW faced, will be explained, along with the court process. The session will also look at the role of the victim advocate and how the advocate's involvement, from the investigation through the court process (and beyond), can benefit the case and victim, as well as ways a multidisciplinary team can aid human trafficking cases.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Room
A213-215

Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program: A Legislative Update

Melissa Montgomery, Ohio Attorney General's Office

This workshop will provide an overview of the Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program, which assists eligible victims of violent crime with certain expenses incurred as a result of the crime committed against them. It will also look at the application process, eligibility requirements and eligible expenses, as well as recent changes resulting from the passage of Senate Bill 36.

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Room
A124-125

Opportunities to Give Survivors Agency within the Legal System

Stephanie B. Scalise, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence

This workshop will explore why agency is especially important for sexual assault survivors. It will discuss challenges to victims' abilities to participate and make choices within traditional legal systems, and present creative opportunities to give survivors choices while navigating the processes for civil protection orders, criminal prosecution, Title IX and children's issues.

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Room
A210-211

Positive Psychology: The Science of Being Happy

Ruth M. Bowdish, On Demand Occupational Medicine

Individuals working in the service of others are often prone to symptoms related to disengagement, fatigue, burnout and an overall mental distress. The person experiencing burnout may also find that a negative attitude abounds in his or her daily life. This presentation focuses on positive psychology and how it teaches to harness the power of shifting one's perspective to maximize the potential for happiness in many of our everyday behaviors. The presenter will also define happiness and positivity, and provide actionable tips in achieving comprehensive care for ourselves and others.

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Seeking Safety, Equity and Justice: Ohio Survey Results of DV Survivors

Emily Kulow, Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Shelley Marsh, Ohio Domestic Violence Network

This workshop will discuss the findings of a statewide needs assessment of survivors of domestic violence, conducted by the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Survivors shared their experiences with the law enforcement, judicial, and social service systems and how their experiences differed depending on their race, ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, or differing ability. Recommended changes to these systems also will be discussed.

POSTER WINNERS



1st PLACE

Griffin Miller, Bataan Memorial Intermediate, Port Clinton

Griffin Miller from Bataan Memorial Intermediate in Port Clinton is our winner of the 2022 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. When asked about his poster and why he created it, he said: "My poster is about Bringing Our Missing Children Home. There is a kid in the house. He is sad because he cannot find his family. I created this because I am very grateful for the cops, firemen, S.W.A.T. for bringing our missing children home."

Griffin was asked to tell a little about himself as well: "I am 11 years old. My birthday is Dec. 22, 2010. I have a sister, and her name is Kinely Miller. I have alopecia. It started with patches of hair falling out. Then I decided and my mom, we shaved the rest of it off. I looked in the mirror and started crying because I didn't like it. Now, I'm used to it and I was scared of going into public without hair. Now, I'm going everywhere. People make fun of me every once in a while. It is fine now. I was diagnosed universally when I was 10."

2ND PLACE

Madelynn Wright, Covington Elementary, Covington

Madelynn Wright from Covington Elementary in Covington is our second place winner of the 2022 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. When asked about her poster and why she created it, she said: "I did my poster because I think the families that are separated are petrified. The top half of my poster is the happy side with the family that got brought back together. The bottom half is the sad and gloomy side. The family is still separated. I also did it because I think we need to make the world a better place and we can do that by making it easier for people to recognize how many families are separated."



Madelynn was asked to tell a little about herself as well: "My name's Madelynn. I'm from Ohio. I am 11 years old. My favorite sports are softball and basketball. Family is so important to me. I think when you have a family it makes you feel stronger. I have a pretty big family. I have 3 siblings at my dad's and 3 at my mom's."



3RD PLACE

Isabella Hill, Bataan Memorial Intermediate, Port Clinton

Isabella Hill from Bataan Memorial Intermediate in Port Clinton is the third place winner of the 2022 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. When asked about her poster and why she created it, she said: "My poster has a family on it that's happy. I put that there because after you find the children, you should be happy."

Isabella was asked to tell a little about herself as well: "My name is Isabella Hill. I love rainbows! I live with my dad, mom, and brothers. I am 11 years old."

AWARDS

AGvocate Award

HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE TEAM

Jennifer Rausch, Jomel Spurlock and Emily Billman | Office of the Ohio Attorney General



Jennifer Rausch



Jomel Spurlock



Emily Billman

Appropriately referred to as "small but mighty" by Jennifer Rausch, the three-person team that makes up the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Initiative (HTI) works to build awareness, empower Ohioans to take action in their communities, strengthen victim services statewide, and ensure that traffickers and "johns" are brought to justice.

Rausch, the HTI legal director, focuses on education and assisting task forces and prosecutors with building better cases. Jomel Spurlock, director of victim services, focuses on connecting and strengthening human trafficking services throughout the state. Emily Billman, anti-human trafficking coordinator, helps identify gaps in victim services and spreads awareness across the state.

The team routinely meets with coalitions, prosecutors and multidisciplinary groups throughout Ohio, assisting and training task forces and prosecutors, and working with advocates and community stakeholders to improve and streamline services for trafficking victims and survivors. In 2021, the team provided both basic and advanced training to a combined 3,700+ people.

In addition, the team organizes the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Summit, introduced in 2020. The annual event draws together survivors, victim services providers, law enforcement and community stakeholders to share information and resources aimed at combatting human trafficking.

For their individual and collective advocacy, passion and commitment to ending human trafficking, the members of the Human Trafficking Initiative Team are presented with the 2022 AGvocate Award.

Promising Practice Award

Adult Advocacy Centers

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Adult Advocacy Centers has its roots in a distressing fact: People with disabilities are more likely than the general population to become victims of crime, and the perpetrators are frequently not prosecuted.

Katherine Yoder saw a way to address the problem. A certified forensic interviewer with a disability herself, she envisioned a facility where adults with disabilities could receive comprehensive care after falling victim to or witnessing a crime — a one-stop shop housing specially trained advocates, as well as law enforcement, medical staff and representatives from disability-specific agencies.

Yoder founded Adult Advocacy Centers in 2019 and serves as its executive director. The not-for-profit organization has developed many critical partners, including the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and has put into motion plans to establish 10 centers and acquire a specially modified mobile unit. Yoder expects the first center to open in 2023 in Franklin County. For now, her team works remotely.

Adult Advocacy Centers created the first forensic interview protocols for adults with disabilities who are victimized. In 2021, Yoder and her team provided forensic interviews for 12 victims, victim services for eight victims, and other direct services for 324 victims. They also trained 130 professionals on various topics. In addition, she led a coalition urging the legislature to remove harmful language about people with disabilities from state law — legislation she hopes to see across the finish line this year.

People with disabilities have always had a voice, Yoder is fond of saying. She believes Adult Advocacy Centers will teach the world different ways to listen.

Special Courage Award



Stephen Massey | CitiLookout, Springfield

Stephen Massey believes in serving a higher purpose and giving back to his Springfield community. Since the 1990s, he has been a tireless advocate for crime victims, substance abusers and adolescents in need of support, especially in underserved, underrepresented and minority populations.

A member of several boards and commissions for the state of Ohio, he is chief operations officer at CitiLookout and director of its trauma recovery center, among the first to be established in the state. He also directs the organization's Journey to Freedom program, aimed at changing the thought patterns that lead to domestic violence.

In addition, Massey founded Awakenings of Clark County, an organization dedicated to mentoring minority youth, strengthening families and advancing social justice.

Immediately after the 2019 mass shooting in Dayton's Oregon District, CitiLookout began working to connect victims, their families, witnesses and anyone else affected by the tragedy to resources crucial to their health, safety and well-being. Months later, after stories surfaced of some victims being denied state aid, Massey testified before legislators to advocate for reforms to Ohio's victim compensation program. The bill was ultimately signed into law in 2021.

"This award is most fitting for Stephen in that it takes so much courage to be a beacon of healing and hope in the most painful time of a person's life," his nominator said. "He is a light to others when darkness sets in, and he does it with passion, humility, gratitude and grace."

Robert Denton Special Achievement Award



Venica Miller | Private consultant, formerly of the Ohio Attorney General's Office

Venica Miller's motto has been "make a difference" — and she certainly has. During her tenure at the Ohio Attorney General's Office (AGO), she made it her mission to ensure that advocates and other individuals who serve and support crime victims had access to high-quality training.

A one-time deputy director of support and outreach services in the AGO's Crime Victim Services Section, Miller was indispensable in organizing the annual Two Days in May Conference — a "labor of love" she took on from 2004 until her retirement in 2020 — and was instrumental in developing training programs for new and experienced victim advocates. As part of her community outreach efforts, she worked regularly with the central Ohio Somali community to address cultural barriers that prevented individuals from getting services.

Miller also worked with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network and Case Western Reserve University to develop the Linking Systems of Care for Ohio's Youth project, which aims to coordinate systems and services that serve Ohio's children, youth and their families. Ohio is one of four states chosen for the federal demonstration project.

In 2019, both the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network honored her for her work.

Though no longer with the AGO, Miller continues to make a difference working as a consultant through her business, Eventress, helping to organize events throughout central Ohio. She also continues to work with nonprofits that provide services to Ohio crime victims, plus those that support and advance the needs of people of color, women and girls.

EVALUATION

Your experience at the Two Days in May Conference on Victim Assistance is important to us.

Please take a moment to complete this evaluation form and turn it in, along with your continuing education form, during the last workshop you attend.

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8. What did you enjoy most about the conference? _____

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9. What did you enjoy least about the conference? _____

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10. What workshops and presenters would you suggest for next year's conference?

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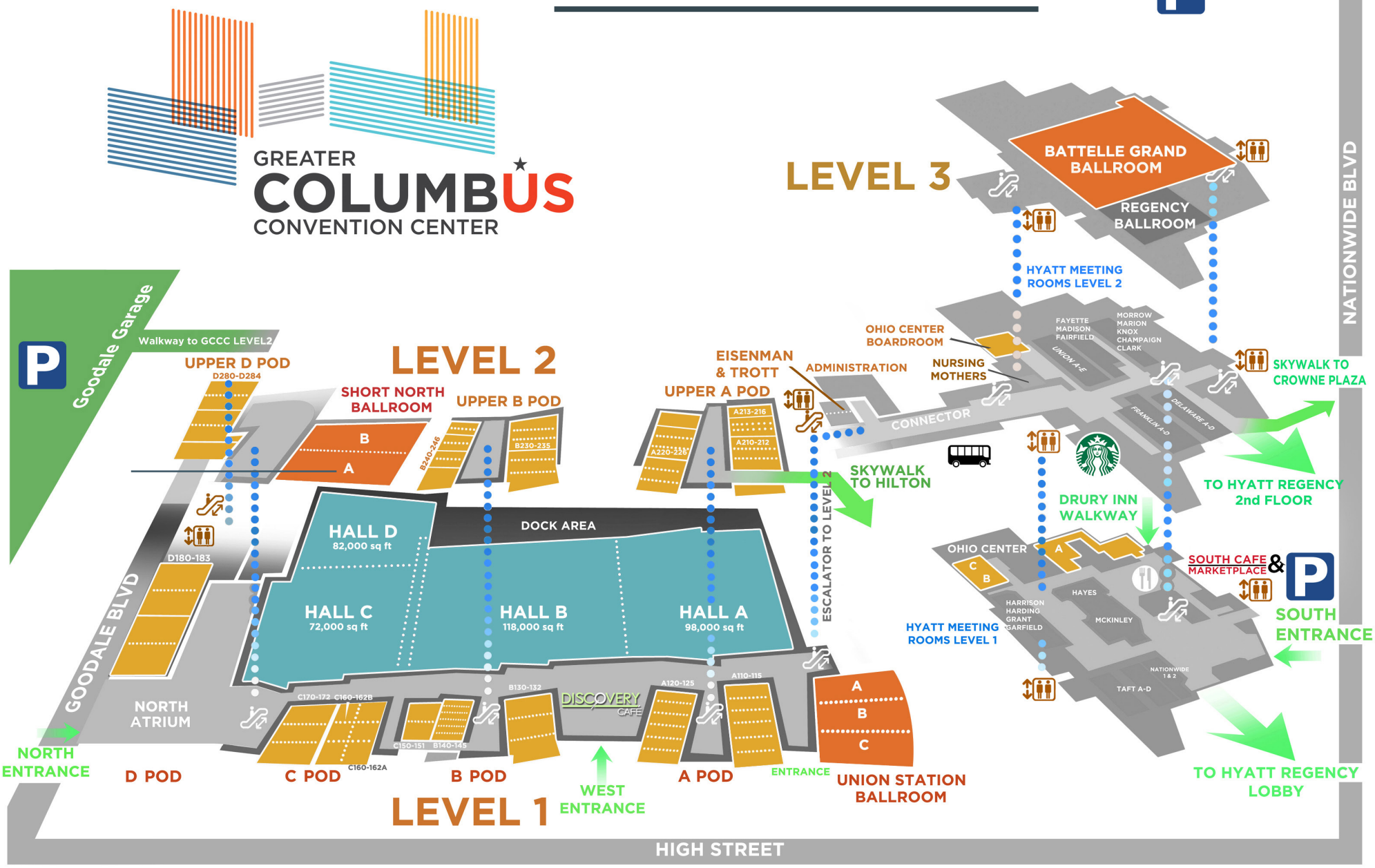
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