



Human Trafficking in Affordable Housing

Understanding the complex psychological, legal, and public health consequences in urban, suburban and rural communities

MassHousing's 2015 Community Services Conference

Tuesday, March 24
at the Four Points by Sheraton,
Norwood, MA

MassHousing's 2015 Community Services Conference is for all staff of multi-family rental housing developments (both private and public housing), service providers and advocates to better understand and respond effectively to the complex issues related to human trafficking in rental housing.

Our objective is to increase education and awareness among housing providers on the topic of human trafficking with a focus on how it relates to work in affordable housing. We'll discuss tools used to identify, prevent and address the problem at sites and within communities. This important issue is emerging among housing professionals as it never has before.

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Agenda

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome – Thomas J. Lyons, Community Services Manager, MassHousing
Opening Remarks– Thomas R. Gleason, Executive Director, MassHousing
- 9:30 Keynote – Brook Parker Bello, Ph.D., Founder, CEO/Executive Director, More Too Life Inc.
- 10:15 Patterns and Trends
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Video – A Path Appears: Sex Trafficking in the USA
- 11:15 Morning Panel
Massachusetts Response Plan to Human Trafficking
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 TAP Awards
- 2:00 Split Screen Language Activity
- 2:15 Afternoon Panel
Prevention, Identification and Best Practices
- 3:30 Wrap Up/ Q & A
- 4:00 Reception & Book Signing

Patterns and Trends

*Ziba Cranmer, Executive Director,
Demand Abolition*

This presentation will inform participants about the documentation of the illegal commercial sex market and how Demand Abolition responds to the challenge. This will include an overview of the state of the market nationally and in the Boston area as well as predictions for how the marketplace will continue to evolve.

Video

A Path Appears - Episode One: Sex Trafficking in the USA

Premiered on PBS, Monday, January 26, 2015

The Department of Justice estimates that there are 300,000 children at risk of being trafficked into sexual slavery in the United States. In the first episode of *A Path Appears*, Ashley Judd and Nicholas Kristof travel to Nashville and Boston to meet the survivors behind these shocking numbers, and illuminate the widespread existence of a violent crime taking place across America.

Morning Panel

Massachusetts Response Plan to Human Trafficking

Daniel P. Mulhern, Director of Public Safety Initiatives, Mayor's Office, City of Boston

Doreen Donovan, Vice President of Administration & Quality Assurance, Peabody Properties

Errol Flynn, Acting Group Supervisor, Human Smuggling/Trafficking and Gang Unit, US Department of Homeland Security

Kristen McCone Gordon, Director of Human Trafficking Policy, Programming and Education, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Susan Goldfarb, LICSW, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County

Susan Terrey, Chief, Boston Municipal Court, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Chuck Doran, Executive Director, MWI, Panel Moderator

This panel will discuss Human Trafficking policy and enforcement on the federal and state level including the Massachusetts Public Health Response Plan, policy language as it pertains to Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) and the implications of resident selection standards and screening criteria in light of the human trafficking issue.

Youth *hope* Trauma
Children **Survivor** *healing*
Resilience Trafficking **Suburban** *rural*
connections **Safety** **psychological impact** Urban
Courage public health consequences
Exploitation
legal

Split Screen Language Activity

*Audrey Morrissey, Associate Director,
My Life My Choice*

This activity will examine the language society uses to describe a “teen prostitute” as opposed to a child who is commercially trafficked and sexually exploited, exploring the stigma associated with one versus the perception as victim of the other.

Wrap Up/ Q &A

*Thaddeus W. Miles, Director of Public Safety,
MassHousing, Moderator*

Reception & Book Signing

Dr. Brook Parker Bello will be available with her book, *LIVING INSIDE the RAINBOW: Winning the Battlefield of the Mind After Human Trafficking and Mental Bondage*.

Afternoon Panel

Prevention, Identification and Best Practices

*Audrey Morrissey, Associate Director,
My Life My Choice*

*Donna Gavin, Sergeant Detective, Commander
of the Human Trafficking Unit, Boston Police
Department*

*Doreen Donovan, Vice President of Administration
& Quality Assurance, Peabody Properties*

*Lisa Goldblatt-Grace, Co-founder & Director,
My Life My Choice*

*Lisa Moris, Director of Resident Services,
Trinity Management LLC*

*Lisa Solecki, Victim Specialist, Victim Assistance
Program, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

*Makeeba McCreary, Ed.D, Executive Director,
AbekaM, Panel Moderator*

These panelists will focus on preventative strategies, identification of the signs (red flags/indicators) of human trafficking in rental housing, implications of VAWA regarding protections and owners obligations, what housing professionals can do and who they can call if human trafficking is suspected, as well as best practices for building community partnerships.

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Bios

Keynote

Dr. Brook Parker Bello - Dr. Bello is a dynamic advocate for trafficking victims worldwide. Dr. Bello is the founder and CEO/Executive Director of More Too Life, Inc., a social justice and anti-human trafficking organization. She is a “Truth Panel” member with the Fredrick Douglas Family initiative and a recently appointed member of the Demand Abolition Research Advisory Council. Brook has spoken and taught alongside some of the world’s most influential people including governors, senators, legislators, community leaders, etc. She has been invited as a keynote speaker worldwide, including at the White House, and leads with passion and truth that transforms lives and communities. In 2013 Dr. Bello received the President’s Award from the Progressive Baptist National Convention for her work to end modern day slavery. She also received the Scarlett Thread Award from Apostle Beverly Bam Crawford for her passion and work to see women free from the bondage of pain via sexual violence and human trafficking. Dr. Bello received her “Doctorate of Human Letters” from the Richmond Virginia Seminary in October 2013 for her years of fighting and working in youth services and in the non-profit sector. Her passion is teaching through her own story the power of God’s love to transform the heart and mind through the scientific process of rewiring our brains through active faith. Brook is married to Teddy Bello, her life’s partner and best friend.

Patterns & Trends

Ziba Cranmer is the Executive Director of Demand Abolition. Ziba also leads the CEASE Network – a multi-city, large-scale change initiative that aims to reduce the demand for paid sexual exploitation in key cities across the United States by 20% in two years. Ziba currently sits on the boards of WomenWin, Boston Center for Youth and Families Foundation, and My Life, My Choice (MLMC). Ms. Cranmer has over 13 years of experience in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR). She spent eight years working within Nike’s Sustainable Business and Innovation team in a variety of roles and was later a CSR consultant to global brands including Hilton Worldwide, FedEx, and Kenneth Cole. The first chapter of Ziba’s career included stints at the World Bank and United Nations Development Program where she lived and worked in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Vietnam. She is passionate about living locally, globally, and actively.

Bios – Morning Speakers

Daniel P. Mulhern is the Director of Public Safety Initiatives for the Mayor’s Office of the City of Boston. In this role, Dan is responsible for targeting and reacting to the crucial areas of need in and around public safety throughout the City of Boston. Currently, some of those issues include illegal guns, violence, human trafficking, substance abuse, and trauma and response efforts. Dan also plays a significant part in job opportunity, training and job creation for all City of Boston residents. Previously, Mr. Mulhern was a prosecutor for Suffolk County District Attorney (DA) Daniel F. Conley for more than a decade. As Chief of DA Conley’s Gang Unit and Safe Neighborhood Initiative, his primary caseload consisted of gang-related homicides in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop. Among other responsibilities, Dan was assigned to a team of prosecutors overlooking all firearm related cases, all arrests involving gang-involved defendants, and all non-fatal shootings, solved or unsolved. He was part of a significant team from Boston, and was recognized for community collaboration by the United States Attorney General. In 2012, he received the Robert H. Quinn Community Service Award in recognition of his unflinching commitment to the residents of Boston, and particularly those in the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

Doreen Donovan is the Vice President of Administration and Quality Assurance for Peabody Properties, responsible for the organization's administrative and compliance oversight for the multifamily residential portfolio. Prior to joining Peabody, Doreen worked with Corcoran Jennison/CMJ Management and was an Asset Management Officer for the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency. Ms. Donovan is a Certified Property Manager (CPM) with the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM); certified as a National Affordable Housing Professional Executive (NAHP-e®), and a Specialist of Housing Credit Management (SHCM) with the National Affordable Housing Management Association and as a Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) with the National Builders Association. Ms. Donovan is or has been active with the Greater Boston Real Estate, IREM, NAHMA, NEAHMA and several state agencies including an appointment by the Governor of MA to participate as a commission member for the Reform of Public Housing in Massachusetts. Ms. Donovan was recognized by NEAHMA as the NAHP executive of the year in 2008 and by IREM as CPM of the year in 2005.

Errol Flynn is a supervisor of Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Since 2006, he has been assigned to the Human Smuggling/Trafficking Unit located in Boston, MA. He has worked on and lead investigations into the trafficking of foreign nationals and United States Citizens. He is currently the Acting Group Supervisor of the Human Smuggling/Trafficking and Gang Unit in Boston where he oversees Special Agents and Task Force Officers working on human trafficking and gang related cases. Mr. Flynn has a MA and a BS from the University of Massachusetts.

Kristen McCone Gordon is the Director of Human Trafficking Policy, Programs, and Education in the Human Trafficking Unit of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. The unit is a multi-disciplinary team created to take a collaborative approach to addressing and combatting human trafficking through policy, education, victim services and prosecution. Prior to joining the Attorney General's office, Kristen worked on national security policy at the Pentagon and on strategic plans for the Department of Homeland Security. Kristen holds a BA in Political Science from Boston College and an MA in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University.

Susan Goldfarb, MSW, LICSW is the Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County (CAC) in Boston. In 2004 Ms. Goldfarb initiated Suffolk County's Support to End Exploitation Now Coalition, a nationally-recognized multidisciplinary collaboration with the goals of improving services and safety for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and increasing accountability of the adults who exploit them. She currently serves as Chair of the Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Coalition. SEEN has assisted over 970 exploited and high risk youth in the Greater Boston community. Previously Ms. Goldfarb was the chair of the Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Implementation Committee of the MA Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force. She received a BS in psychology from Brown University, and MSW from the Boston University School of Social Work.

Susan Terrey joined the office of the Suffolk County District Attorney in 2000. After working in the Special Prosecution and Narcotics Divisions, Susan took on a leadership role as the Chief, Boston Municipal Court Central Division. In 2014 she was awarded the Paul R. McLaughlin Award for a "Career Marked by Courage in the Pursuit of Justice." Previously she worked in the law firm of Melick & Porter, after serving as an Assistant District Attorney with New York County (Manhattan) Office of the District Attorney. Ms. Terrey is a 1991 graduate of Boston College. She received her law degree in 1995, graduating with honors from Boston University School of Law.

Bios – Afternoon Speakers

Audrey Morrissey is the Associate Director of My Life My Choice (MLMC), a program of Justice Resource Institute. Since 2002, MLMC has offered a unique continuum of survivor-led services aimed at preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of girls. As a local and national leader in the field of exploitation, Ms. Morrissey most recently served as Co-Chair of the Victim Services Committee of the Massachusetts Task Force on Human Trafficking. Ms. Morrissey has also served as a primary consultant to the Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court’s “Redesigning the Court’s Response to Prostitution” project. Drawing from her personal experience in ‘the life’, Ms. Morrissey seeks to help vulnerable girls avoid being recruited into the commercial sex industry and/ or leave exploitation behind them. To this end, Ms. Morrissey facilitates MLMC exploitation prevention groups throughout Greater Boston. She trains service providers in Massachusetts and nationally on recognizing the signs of exploitation and helping girls exit. In addition, she works individually mentoring girls who are victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) or who are deemed high risk. Ms. Morrissey is a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Petra Foundation Fellowship and a 2012 recipient of The Philanthropic Initiative’s Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award.

Lisa Goldblatt-Grace is the Co-founder and Director of My Life My Choice (MLMC). MLMC offers a unique continuum of survivor-led services including prevention groups, training, survivor mentoring, and program consultation. Ms. Grace has been working with vulnerable young people in a variety of capacities for over twenty years. Her professional experience includes running a long term shelter for homeless teen parents, developing a diversion program for violent youth offenders, and working in outpatient mental health, health promotion, and residential treatment settings. She served as a consultant to the Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court’s “Redesigning the Court’s Response to Prostitution” project and as a primary researcher on the 2007 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study of programs serving human trafficking victims. She has served as the Co-Chair of the Training and Education Committee of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s appointed Task Force on Human Trafficking. In addition, Ms. Goldblatt Grace has written in a variety of publications regarding commercial sexual exploitation and offered training on the subject nationally. Ms. Goldblatt Grace is Adjunct Faculty at the Boston University School of Social Work. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and holds master’s degrees in both social work and public health.

Lisa Moris, MSW, LICSW, is currently Director of Resident Services with Trinity Management LLC. She has developed initiatives, educational trainings, and programs to address tenant related issues, organized communities around self-identified issues, and guided individuals and families towards better physical, emotional, and mental health. Lisa currently sits on the steering committee for the RoxVOTE Coalition, the Board of Directors of the Network La Red, the Board of Directors of Madison Park Development Corporation, and uses her relationships with numerous social service organizations for the benefit of our housing communities. As a licensed, independent clinical social worker she has extensive experience working with survivors of sexual and interpersonal violence and with individuals with chronic psychiatric conditions and developmental delays.

Lisa Solecki, is an advocate for victims of crime. After graduating from Duquesne University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology, she began her career at the Center for Victims of Violent Crime in Pittsburgh, PA where she was Fresh Start Coordinator for the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence and responsible for implementing the Batterer's Intervention Program. Working next with the Family Advocacy Program at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, she was chosen for a Department of Defense Pilot Project to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Air Force. More recently, Lisa worked as a Victim/Witness Advocate in Massachusetts with the Office of the Attorney General where she worked on cases of public corruption, identity theft, Medicaid fraud, insurance fraud, and cybercrimes before being promoted to the Director of the Victim Compensation and Assistance Division, and next to the Chief of Victim/Witness Services. In October of 2014, Lisa moved from state to federal government, currently a Victim Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Donna Gavin, Sergeant Detective, is a 28 year veteran of the Boston Police Department and commander of the Human Trafficking Unit since 2009. She works to hold those who commercially sexually exploit young women and children accountable including buyers and pimps. Sergeant Gavin is a steering committee member of the Suffolk County SEEN Coalition (Support to End Exploitation Now) and a member of the Greater Boston Area Human Trafficking Task Force. Donna presently serves as Co-Chair of Boston's CEASE (Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation) Network. She has spent much of her career investigating cases involving violent crimes against women and children including domestic violence and sexual assault. In 2014 she received the My Life My Choice *Turn on the Light Award*. Ms. Gavin is a graduate of Suffolk University, Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

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