



Collaborating To Increase Access To Employment And Educational Opportunities For
Survivors Of Human Trafficking, Domestic And Sexual Violence
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Biographies for Presenters

Missy Blackwell, Job Training Program Manager at Safelight

Missy oversees Safelight's Job Training Program in Hendersonville, NC. With over 25 years of experience working with survivors, Missy believes in empowering people to recognize their own strengths and abilities, and with a supportive environment everyone can be successful. Education and employment allow for self-sufficiency and lifelong success for all. Missy enjoys time spent travelling, a good Netflix binge and adores her three children.

Carolyn Ouya, Sr. Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, FUTURES Without Violence

As a Senior Training & Technical Assistance Specialist at FUTURES Without Violence's Workplace & Economic Justice team, Carolyn focuses on improving access to quality education and employment opportunities for survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence. Prior to FUTURES, Carolyn served as Director of Strategic Partnerships at Access Youth & Immigration Services, one of the largest victim rights and employment services agencies in San Diego County. Carolyn earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology & Public Health from Santa Clara University and is currently a masters in Marriage, Family, Therapy student at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Mónica Arenas, Program Manager at FUTURES Without Violence

Mónica works on the Rights and Social Justice Project and Learning and Leadership. Ms. Arenas has participated in the development and implementation of training programs and technical assistance on: human trafficking multidisciplinary collaborations to assist adult victims of human trafficking; organizational sustainability of organizations working on gender based violence; training and partnerships with international programs; and immigrant survivor leadership development. She also helped in the production of the Latina leadership manual "Breaking the Silence: Training Manual for Activists, Advocates and Latina Organizers". Monica is a member of the National Human Trafficking and Disabilities Working Group.