

Kiricka Yarbough Smith, Human Trafficking Consultant

Kiricka is an independent consultant with expertise in human trafficking, cultural diversity and cultural sensitivity, collaboration, and the development of rapid response teams (RRT). As the human trafficking program manager at the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, she coordinated services for all victims of trafficking and provided training to 3,500 service providers and law enforcement officials throughout North Carolina. Ms. Smith served as the co-chair of the Pitt County Human Trafficking Task Force, a project funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance from 2018 to 2011. She is the chair of the North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking and a member of Partners Against the Trafficking of Humans.

Ms. Smith is certified in cultural diversity and cultural competency. She has trained law enforcement and service providers on collaboration, coordination, and building an agency's capacity to serve all victims of trafficking. Ms. Smith also served as the lead for the development of RRTs in North Carolina, which provide culturally and linguistically appropriate, trauma-informed care in all aspects of victim care. She is a consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and Futures Without Violence Project, Building Collaboration to Address Trafficking in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault cases. She partnered with the Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina to develop and implement a domestic minor sex trafficking curriculum. Ms. Smith has a B.A. in Social Work from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, and a B.A. in Sociology from North Carolina State University.