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**DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

2:00 - 4:30 PM	PRE-REGISTRATION
2:30 - 4:30 PM	PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE <i>Janine Latus, We Need to Talk</i>
5:00 - 7:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM

**DAY 2 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

7:30 - 8:30 AM	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST		
8:30 - 9:00 AM	WELCOME Robin Bostic, <i>Board President, Virginia Victim Assistance Network</i> Cristi Lawton, <i>Executive Director, Virginia Victim Assistance Network</i>		
9:00 - 11:30 AM	PLENARY: Dr. Kristen Roorbach, <i>Childhood Trauma and Resiliency</i>		
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	AWARDS LUNCHEON		
1:15 - 2:45 PM	VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN A MASS CASUALTY EVENT	WORKING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS: A Guide for Advocates	CH-CH-CHAIN: LINKING THE SYSTEMS OF CARE THAT SERVE CHILD AND YOUTH VICTIMS
2:45 - 3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:00 - 4:30 PM	THIS IS NOT CLOSURE, THIS IS AN OPENING	BRADY, GIGLIO & EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE FOR ADVOCATES	THE CHILD FOCUSED INVESTIGATION & PROSECUTION
4:30 - 5:15 PM	VVAN BUSINESS MEETING		
5:45 - 7:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM		

**DAY 3 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

8:00 - 9:00 AM	BUFFET BREAKFAST		
9:00 - 10:30 AM	FROM VICTIM TO OFFENDER: The Unintended Consequence of the Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence	ASSISTING COMMUNITIES IN NEED	RECOVERED MEMORIES OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
10:30 - 10:45 AM	BREAK		
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM	PLENARY: Olga Phoenix, <i>Real Life Superheroes and Vicarious Trauma: Challenges and Solutions</i>		

## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

### We Need to Talk

Janine Latus  
Advocate and Author

Janine Latus is the author of the international bestseller *If I Am Missing or Dead: A Sister's Story of Love, Murder and Liberation*, which is the story of two sisters who grow up to choose angry and controlling men. One breaks free and thrives; the other is murdered by her live-in boyfriend. Janine is the sister who survived, and she traveled with her family to find and identify her sister's body. That led to a lifelong crusade against relationship abuse that has included speaking at universities, corporations, professional sports teams and to military audiences around the world.

### Childhood Trauma and Resiliency

Dr. Kristen Roorbach  
M.T., Ph.D

This plenary discussion will discuss the definition of developmental trauma, the impact of trauma on learning and behavior and explore the current education, health and social policies that help or hinder the experiences of children who have experienced trauma. Participants will learn strategies to create trauma-sensitive environments and practices to engage children who have experienced trauma in any capacity.

### Victim Assistance in a Mass Casualty Event

Donna Mixner  
Victim Specialist  
Federal Bureau of Investigations

When a mass casualty event happens, the initial response is critical for setting the stage for recovery. This workshop will focus on the immediate aftermath of a mass casualty incident. The participants will gain an understanding of the tasks associated with the overall response and have a working understanding of a unified

incident command. The unique, predictable, and immediate challenges of these events will be discussed as well as the importance of planning and partnering to address the immediate and long term needs of victims and families. The participants will learn what resources and capabilities the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) can bring to assist in a successful response.

### Working with Law Enforcement

**Partners: A Guide for Advocates**  
Scott Hamilton  
Investigator  
King William Sheriff's Office

This interactive workshop will provide the victim advocate with an understanding of the law enforcement officer, not only as a professional but also as an individual. It will explore how advocates can infiltrate the ranks and effectively work with law enforcement to ensure system changes to support all victims, but especially those of domestic and sexual violence. Participants will be able to submit anonymous questions during the session – questions they may have wanted to ask a law enforcement officer but have been uncomfortable in doing. These questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.

### Ch-Ch-Chain: Linking the Systems of Care that Serve Child and Youth Victims

Laurie Crawford  
MPA  
Linking Systems of Care Project Manager,  
Virginia Department of Social Services

Stacie Vecchiatti  
MSW  
Linking Systems of Care Training Specialist  
Virginia Department of Social Services

Children and youth continue to experience victimization at alarming rates, and the systems charged with caring for them provide fragmented and ineffective responses. Virginia is one of four states that has

been working, with the support of federal partners, national experts, and peer-to-peer learning, to develop best practice strategies for better serving these young victims and their families across systems. Participants in this workshop will be introduced to this coordinated model of care and a toolkit of resources to support implementation of it at the community level.

### This is not Closure, this is an Opening:

Professional Reflections on a Personal Experience with Victim Impact Statements

Kim Flournoy DiJoseph  
Project & Training Coordinator  
Virginia Victim Assistance Network

In this workshop, the presenter bridges the professional and personal as she reflects on her recent experience with the criminal justice system as the daughter of a victim of homicide. From the vantage point of a seasoned professional in the trauma and advocacy field, participants will gain a unique perspective and intimate understanding of the internal and external process of the surviving family's journey through this delicate, debatable and promising right provided to victims of crime. In particular, this workshop will compare and contrast the presumed narrative, therapeutic benefits often associated with victim impact statements with her lived-experience writing and presenting them.

### Brady, Giglio and Exculpatory Evidence for Victim Advocates

Judy Holl  
Program Coordinator  
Alexandria Victim/Witness Assistance Program

David Lord  
Sr. Assistance Commonwealth's Attorney  
Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

As the Alexandria Commonwealth's

<p>Attorney's Office has increased its focus on prosecutorial ethics, the office has maintained a dialogue with victim advocates to ensure an understanding of exculpatory evidence and how it impacts advocates. This issue is particularly important for system-based advocates, as prosecutors are charged with knowing and disclosing any exculpatory evidence in the advocate's possession. This workshop will educate participants on what exculpatory evidence is and how it impacts advocates, will identify the legal differences for system-based advocates vs. community-based advocates (as it relates to exculpatory evidence obligations), and will facilitate a discussion about problematic office practices community-based advocates might face, that could compromise their independence and confidentiality and implicate Brady obligations.</p>	<p><b>Domestic Violence Probation Officer</b> Loudoun Community Corrections</p> <p>This workshop will explore the implications of intimate partner violence victims who are criminally charged as domestic violence offenders. Ms. Mullane will draw from her experience as both a crime victim advocate working with IPV victims and a probation officer supervising male and female IPV offenders. The presentation will provide advocates, law enforcement officers, court personnel and allied professionals with the information necessary to identify and provide assistance and support to this unique population.</p>	<p>of age that she remembered the details of what happened to her. She will discuss the few memories she had about the event growing up and how even though her brain "forgot," her body betrayed her. Once she remembered the event, her life, illnesses, and the paths she chose began to make sense and she was able to begin making peace with the trauma she endured. She will also discuss how remembering the event helped her become a more engaged victim advocate. Heather gives a brutally honest account of her rape and its aftermath with grit, humor, and grace.</p>
<p><b>The Child Focused Investigation &amp; Prosecution</b> Jenelle Beverly Administrator The Davis Child Advocacy Center</p> <p>Kelly Cotting Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Chesterfield Commonwealth's Attorney's Office</p>	<p><b>Assisting Communities in Need</b> Kit Cummings Law Enforcement Outreach Specialist and LE Peer New River Valley Community Services and Virginia Law Enforcement Assistance Program</p> <p>Paul Davis Drug Court Law Enforcement Officer Jefferson Area Community Corrections; Board Member, Virginia Victim Assistance Network</p>	<p><b>Real Life Superheroes and Vicarious Trauma: Challenges and Solutions</b> Olga Phoenix MPA, MA, and Author</p> <p>Victim advocates, clinicians, social workers, criminal justice, and medical personnel work with trauma on daily basis. Helping people who suffer is difficult, traumatic, and draining. Thousands of trauma professionals struggle with depression, anxiety, immune disorders, and addiction-often as a result of vicarious trauma. Fortunately, there is a solution and it's twofold. The most effective way to prevent and transform vicarious trauma is through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. individual vicarious trauma prevention plans among helping professionals and</li> <li>2. through field and agency-specific vicarious trauma prevention systems of care strategically designed to foster organizational culture of sustainability, wellness, and resilience.</li> </ol>
<p>This workshop will provide a comprehensive review of best practices for investigating and prosecuting crimes against children, specifically sexual assault, including why most children delay reporting their sexual assault. Discussions will include the purpose of Child Advocacy Centers, the benefits of ChildFirst forensic interviews, the role of a multi-disciplinary team, and techniques for prosecution to protect the child's emotional well-being.</p>	<p>In the wake of natural or man-made disaster, communities large and small may reach out for emotional support. Trauma has a way of affecting us in ways we often don't expect, and it is vital to be prepared for whatever may arise with agile and culturally competent responders. In this workshop we will discuss ways to ensure that timely and effective assistance is available for those who need it.</p>	<p><b>Cover image:</b> the Cape Henry Lighthouse in Virginia Beach.</p> <p><i>"Let your light shine so brightly that others can see their way out of the dark."</i> —Unknown"</p>
<p><b>From Victim to Offender:</b> The Unintended Consequence of the Criminal Justice Response to Intimate Partner Violence</p> <p>Jeanne Mullane</p>	<p><b>Recovered Memories of Child Sexual Abuse</b> Heather Wood Director Rockbridge County/City of Lexington Victim/Witness Assistance Program</p> <p>Heather was nine years old when she was raped. It was only when she was 35 years</p>	