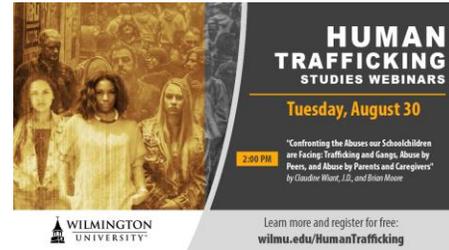


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NOVEMBER 29, 2022

10 AM – 11 AM

Delaware's MDT Response to Juvenile Trafficking

Presented by Adrienne Owen, and Moderated by Commissioner Loretta Young, J.D.

Session Description: In response to the increasing awareness of juvenile trafficking by both system and community-based child welfare partners in Delaware, the state led an initiative in 2014 to create a protocol guiding the “best practice” response to these investigations. To accomplish this, the state examined the child welfare response to prior juvenile trafficking cases, engaged in open dialogue between system partners about existing policies and practices, and consulted with other jurisdictions nationwide. As a result, Delaware drafted its first Juvenile Trafficking Protocol, which is contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Response to Child Abuse and Neglect. Subsequent updates to the Protocol have been made based upon continued observation and examination of system responses to these cases, thereby working to improve possible outcomes for trafficked youth.

This session will be an excellent opportunity for all Delaware child-serving agencies to understand the new Juvenile Trafficking Protocol and for outside agencies to benefit from Delaware's ten-year evolutionary process.

Session Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the Juvenile Trafficking Protocol found in Delaware's MOU for the MDT Response to Child Abuse and Neglect
- Explain how components of the Protocol seek to address various factors encountered by system partners when conducting juvenile trafficking investigations
- Highlight recent updates to the Protocol which were created to address gaps observed in past system responses to juvenile trafficking situations

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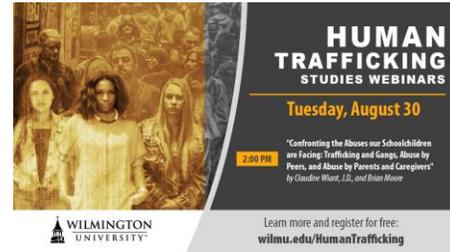
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Adrienne Owen

Adrienne Owen currently serves as the MDT Training and Policy Specialist for the Office of the Child Advocate. In this role, her primary responsibilities are ensuring the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Response to Child Abuse and Neglect remains updated, as well as creating and providing training for agencies on the current investigative best practices as outlined in the MOU. Adrienne also participates in Delaware's Child Abuse and Neglect Panel, which conducts retrospective reviews of significant abuse and neglect cases for the

purpose of identifying gaps in services and investigative measures, as well as identifying strengths and best practices. When not engaging in her work centered on the MOU, Adrienne is involved with multiple committees, which focus on identifying trends in Delaware's child welfare field. Additionally, she participates in various system-based and community-based projects designed to address those identified trends which are impacting children's access to service, to inform statewide policy and legislation, and to improve overall system response to abuse and neglect.

Prior to joining OCA in 2020, Adrienne was a sworn member of the Delaware State Police (DSP) for 27 years. During her time with the Delaware State Police, Adrienne served in the capacity of Uniform Patrol, School Resource Officer, Domestic Violence Unit Detective and lastly as the DSP Domestic Violence Policy & Training Coordinator. In addition to her various full-time positions, she served as an after-hours Victim Services Responder, which involved providing crisis intervention and resource referral to crime victims, survivors and families touched by violent crime and critical incidents. Her time spent specializing in the investigation of

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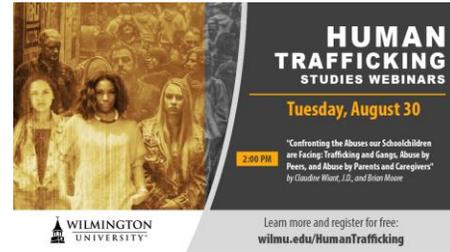
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domestic violence and child abuse, as well as responding to the needs of those in crisis while with DSP, compelled her to continue her work in the child welfare field after retirement.



Commissioner Loretta Young, J.D.

Loretta Young, JD is a Family Court Commissioner in the State of Delaware. She primarily presides over the Juvenile Mental Health Diversion dockets in Kent and New Castle County, juvenile criminal, domestic violence cases, PFAs, visitation, and guardianships, including SIJS, in Kent County. She is the Former chair of the Women and the Law Section of Delaware State Bar Association Human Trafficking Project; Former Co-Chair Delaware Human Trafficking Council; Former Chair Delaware Trafficking Council Juvenile Anti-Trafficking Subcommittee; Current Family Court

Representative on Delaware Inter-Agency Coordinating Council; teaches Human Trafficking at Wilmington University, sits on Wilmington University's Ad Hoc Human Trafficking Advisory Board. She is a judicial trainer with National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) at American University Washington College of Law and sits on the NIWAP Board of Directors. Loretta graduated from University of Delaware with a B.S. in psychology and earned her Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law.

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2 PM – 3 PM

Special Victims: Special Needs. Responding From An Investigation Through Trial

Presented by Deputy Attorney General Susan Bair Purcell, J.D.

Session Description: A multidisciplinary approach to the investigation of child abuse and neglect is not new, but the application of this approach to the issues presented by the trafficking of children is a recent development. In this session the issues a multidisciplinary team may face in the investigative stages of a case will be identified. The special needs of children who find themselves in the position of witness in a civil proceeding or a criminal trial will be explored, and the resources available for support will be identified.

Session Objectives:

1. Understand the multidisciplinary approach to the issues presented by the trafficking of children;
2. Understand the issues presented in the investigative stage;
3. Understand the issues presented by the special needs of children from the arrest of a perpetrator through trial.
4. Understand the resources available to support these special victims through the criminal justice system.

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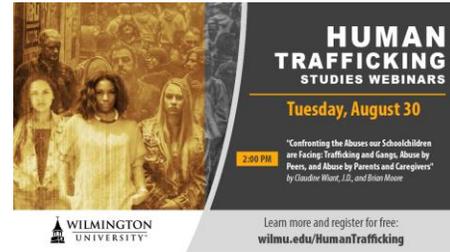
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Susan Bair Purcell, J.D. is Deputy Attorney General serving Sussex County in Delaware and Adjunct Instructor at Wilmington University managing the Child Advocacy Studies program. Ms. Purcell graduated from Gettysburg College and Delaware Law School, and was admitted to practice in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Ms. Purcell served as a law clerk to The Honorable Helen S. Balick, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. She is a Deputy Attorney General in the Special Victims Unit, Delaware Department of Justice, and has served in the Civil Division, representing Child Protective Services. In the Criminal Division, she prosecuted cases in Family Court and in Superior Court, primarily in the Sex Crimes Unit, formerly known as

the Rape Response Unit. In her capacity as the Head of the Sex Crimes Unit Ms. Purcell worked with various groups to bring the Children's Advocacy Center and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs to Delaware. In the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Ms. Purcell prosecuted health care fraud and elder abuse cases. In 2012, Ms. Purcell began teaching classes in the Child Advocacy Studies and Criminal Justice programs at Wilmington University. In July of 2018 she began serving as the Coordinator of the Child Advocacy Studies Program. She is involved as a coach in the High School Mock Trial Program and has served in various capacities on boards, including Prevent Child Abuse Delaware and Ursuline Academy.

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