



**United Nations Human Rights Day Program & Proclamation  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE: Local to Global**

**December 6 & 7, 2016 (Tuesday & Wednesday)**

**CEUs pending for nurses/social workers; CLE attorneys**

Attendee Sign in 8:00 – 8:20 A.M. Daily Program: 8:25 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Registration: \$55 Conference fee

Online Registration: [Human Trafficking Conference- Local to Global](#)

**LOCATION**

[University of Louisville University Club, Ballroom](#) (FREE PARKING\*)

**Co-Sponsors**

American Association of University Women Louisville Branch  
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Coalition for Labor Union Women (CLUW), Derby City Chapter  
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UNA-USA, Frankfort Chapter  
UNA-USA, Louisville Chapter  
UNA at U of L Campus Chapter

**Presenters- Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:25 to 9:00 A.M. Attorney General Andy Beshear – Welcome and Remarks**

- Theresa Hayden, PhD, MSSW, Assistant Professor, U of L Department of Criminal Justice and Dianna Anderson
- Allyson Cox Taylor, Executive Director, Office of Child Abuse & Exploitation Prevention, Office of the Kentucky Attorney General
- Jennifer Middleton, PhD, LCSW, Assistant Professor and Director of the U of L Human Trafficking Research Initiative  
Master's Level computer DARK WEB research
- Marian Hatcher, Senior Project Manager/Human Trafficking Coordinator, Greater Chicago Area/Cooke County Sheriff's office
- PANEL: Law Enforcement: LMPD Crimes Against Children Unit, Marian Hatcher, FBI(TBA)
- Rachel Moran, Ireland, author, "Paid For" (books available)
- Johns Workshop: Marian Hatcher & Jeanette Westbrook, MSSW
- Angela Renfro, Kristy Love Foundation

**Presenters- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

- John J. Johnson, Director KY Human Rights Commission
- Ambassador Shabazz, "Soul Trafficking"
- Anthony N. Talbott, PhD, University of Dayton, Ohio
- Steve Magre, former Louisville Alderman & Councilman; video
- Gregorie Thery, Paris, France, Executive Director of CAP International – Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution  
Member of French Parliament (TBA)
- PANEL: Legislators: Representative Mary Lou Marzian, Representative Jim Wayne, Lou Metro Councilman David James
- Joann Schulte, D.O. MPH, Director Louisville Department of Health & Wellness
- Donna Pollard, UNA-USA KY Chapter Board of Directors: Exploitation of the Married Child
- Marta Miranda, President/CEO, Center for Families and Women

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# Panel decries local human trafficking

Conference calls attention to plight

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Human trafficking is a local issue, not just an international one.

That's the message driven home by a panel assembled Saturday at the University of Louisville for a United Nations Day Commemoration Conference.

Panelists included Dr. Olivia Mittel, a University of Louisville pediatrician, who admitted that she was oblivious to human trafficking in Louisville until she heard a presentation about two years ago.

"I honestly had no idea it happened here," said

Mittel, a guest of the Kentucky Division of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, which hosted the event.

But once Mittel's eyes were opened, she began thinking about all the victims she probably had overlooked despite the presence of red flags.

There were "patients who came to me because they had their fourth or fifth severe sexually transmitted infection that required IV antibiotics, patients with tattoos, with no one in the room — a 14-year-old with no parent in the room? How could that be?" said Mittel, an assistant professor in the U of L Department of Pediatrics.

These days, Mittel is



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Dr. Olivia Mittel, University of Louisville pediatrician, talks about the importance of noticing signs of human trafficking.

not only more vigilant about picking up on the signs, she's helping to train U of L medical students to be alert as well.

"I want them to not just focus on the diagnosis but focus on the patient and

really ask the important questions, to build trust with them and to help communicate with them and potentially refer them to safety," said Mittel.

Teena Halbig, presi-

dent of UNA-USA Kentucky, said it's important for people to realize that human trafficking and prostitution isn't just something that happens elsewhere.

"It's right here, and it's much larger than we ever imagined," Halbig said.

Dianna Anderson of the Louisville Metro Human Trafficking Task Force briefed the crowd on a U of L project in which researchers monitored the Internet site backpage.com for 15 months to spot ads that appeared to be for sexual encounters. They saw evidence of heavy activity in eastern Jefferson County and a spike in traffic during major sporting events.

"We're a hub," Anderson said.

son said. "I can take a 15-year-old and I can take her from Nashville to Louisville to Indy to back on down. ... You give me a pound of cocaine, I can only sell that once. I can sell a 15-year-old girl 30, 40, 50 times a night (at 150 bucks a pop.)"

Mittel and others said it will take people from various sectors of the community to change things.

"To abolish this horrible social injustice, we have to have combat from all fronts," from the medical community to law enforcement, and "we need to stand together and decrease the demand," she said.

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