

Experts in the Field



Ann Wilkinson

Ann Wilkinson is the Director of Mentoring Services at My Life My Choice, a program of Justice Resource Institute. Since 2002, My MLMC has offered a unique continuum of survivor-led services aimed at preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Since coming to MLMC in 2006, Ms. Wilkinson directs the Survivor Mentoring program in which commercially sexually exploited and high risk youth are paired with trained adult survivors for a one on one long term relationship. Ms. Wilkinson brings a wealth of personal and professional expertise, including over 20 years in the fields of trafficking, domestic violence, addiction, and HIV services.



Audrey Morrissey

Audrey Morrissey is the Associate Director of My Life My Choice, a program of Justice Resource Institute. Ms. Morrissey most recently has served as Co-Chair of the Victim Services Committee of the Massachusetts Task Force on Human Trafficking. Ms. Morrissey has also served as a primary consultant to the Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court's "Redesigning the Court's Response to Prostitution" project. Drawing from her personal experience in "the Life," Ms. Morrissey seeks to help vulnerable girls avoid being recruited into the commercial sex industry and/ or leave exploitation behind them. To this end, Ms. Morrissey facilitates MLMC exploitation prevention groups and trains service providers in Massachusetts and nationally on recognizing the signs of exploitation and helping girls exit. In addition, she works individually mentoring girls who are victims of CSEC or are deemed high risk. Ms. Morrissey is a 2008 recipient of the prestigious Petra Foundation Fellowship and a 2012 recipient of The Philanthropic Initiative's Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award.



Caleb Probst

Caleb Probst is a PhD student in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He holds a BFA in acting from Syracuse University and an MS in curriculum and instruction from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. His doctoral research centers on how people create stories to make sense of the world, and how these stories inform an understanding of democratic citizenship for both individuals and societies. The motivation for this work grew out of Caleb's time at the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), where he spent more than a decade creating and leading the organization's prevention education efforts. During his time at CAASE, he empowered thousands of young people with tools to think critically and creatively about ways to prevent gender and sexual violence – including human trafficking and sexual assault – and to stand as allies with survivors. He also trained hundreds of adults across the United States and Canada to do the same. Caleb has presented at dozens of conferences on human trafficking prevention, served on the advisory board of the National Educators to Stop Trafficking, and written about consent education for HuffPost.



John Pizzuro

For 22 years, John Pizzuro conducted criminal investigations, with the New Jersey State Police. John managed and lead investigations involving Child Trafficking, Homicide, Organized Crime, Corruption, and Fraud and Drug Trafficking Organizations. John was most recently the Commander of the NJ Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; he spent 6 years in this role. John is currently self-employed as a Strategic & Business Development Consultant and does Child Trafficking & Child Exploitation investigations for other countries. He has also created a framework for other countries to investigate CSAM, through the International Center of Missing & Exploited Children. John has developed programs about Human Behavior and Neuroscience and how it applies to real life behavior. John speaks frequently regarding online grooming, child exploitation, and how technology has impacted our children and their behavior. John Pizzuro is certified as a Master Neuro Linguistic Practitioner and has an M.A. in Human Resource Development and Training.

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Kyle Mushkin

Kyle Mushkin, LICSW, MPH, is the Director of Prevention at My Life My Choice, a groundbreaking, nationally recognized initiative designed to stem the tide of the commercial sexual exploitation of adolescents. She has worked with high risk youth for over 20 years, and is responsible for overseeing all of MLMC's local and national efforts preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Previously, she served as the Director of Social Services at Planned Parenthood of New York City's Bronx Center, overseeing the clinic's social work services and providing training on interpersonal violence and the identification and treatment of human trafficking and sexual abuse victims. She has delivered health education, therapeutic intervention, and training at community health centers in Nicaragua and on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reservation in Oregon, and designed intensive prevention programming for New York City Housing Authority tenants at risk of homelessness and gang involvement in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Brownsville. Kyle holds masters' degrees in social work and public health from Columbia University.



Shalini Mipuri

Shalini Mirpuri, M.Ed., Ed.S., has been working at the intersection of gender-based violence and racial inequality for many years. She served as the Prevention Director for the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation where she supervised all education programs aimed at the prevention of sexual harm, with a particular focus on ending demand for the sex trade. Prior to joining CAASE, she managed all sexual and interpersonal violence education for the University of Florida.



Svetlana Shpiegel

Svetlana Shpiegel is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work and Child Advocacy at Montclair State University, New Jersey. Her research focuses on the functioning of adolescents and young adults aging-out of the foster care system. She is particularly interested in early pregnancy and parenthood among current and former foster youth, and the effects of parenthood on their socioeconomic outcomes. Dr. Shpiegel has expertise working with large administrative datasets, such as the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), and the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS).