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- Training and Education
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Angelica Wind, Vice Chair
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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The Leadership Team consists of the NCCAHT Officers and Chairs from the four membership categories.

MEET THE OFFICERS

Robin Colbert, Chair
Associate Director
North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault
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Robin is an awarding winning Executive, Program Manager, Administrator, and Leader with over 30 years of experience in program development, multiple program management and project implementation with an emphasis in strategic planning, policy development and implementation, and financial management.

Robin is celebrating her 9th year as the Associate Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA), where she provides general oversight to the Rape Prevention Program and manages NCCASA's Anti-Human Trafficking and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) programmatic internal operations work to develop systems, realign agency functions to improve overall agency technical assistance, training and member service response to better serve victim survivors.



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Robin serves on both the Just Detention International’s (JDI) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Advisory Committees and is a consultant with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC). JDI is a health and human rights organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention and NHTTAC delivers training and technical assistance to inform and enhance the public health response to human trafficking.

Robin is a member of the Project Team of the University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill School of Social Work Project NO REST (North Carolina Organizing and Responding to the Exploitation and Sexual Trafficking of Children). Project NO REST addresses the trafficking of youth in NC, especially those youth who have been involved in the child welfare system.

Robin is the current President of the North Carolina Victim Assistance Network (NCVAN) a statewide non-profit that advocates for victims of violent crime, especially surviving family members of homicide victims. Through advocacy, training, and technical assistance, NCVAN supports the rights and well-being of surviving loved ones of homicide victims and others harmed by violent crime in NC.

Robin is a NC Judicial Branch appointee to the NC Innocence Inquiry Commission (NCIIC). NCIIC is the first of its kind in the nation. The Commission was created by the North Carolina General Assembly in 2006 and began operating in 2007. The Commission is charged with providing an independent and balanced truth-seeking forum for credible post-conviction claims of innocence in NC.

Robin has a dedicated record of service and has been awarded for leadership, innovation, and collaboration with partners and stakeholders and is respected for integrity, perseverance, and consensus building.

Angelica Wind, J.D., Vice Chair & Direct Services Membership Chair

Executive Director

Our VOICE, Inc.

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Angélica was born to migrant farm workers who eventually settled in NC. From a young age, she witnessed injustices in the farm worker community that instilled in her a high sense of commitment to the struggle for social justice. She has been involved in several social justice movements that include immigrant rights, women’s reproductive rights, and gender equality.

She is the Executive Director of Our VOICE, Inc., Buncombe County’s rape crisis center, which serves survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking. Under her leadership, in 2016 Our VOICE created Project WEST-NC an anti-human trafficking project covering 6 Western NC counties



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and was selected as one of the Project NO REST pilot sites. Understanding the complexities of providing empowering survivor-centered services, Our VOICE's has steadily developed a reputation of being at the forefront in serving human trafficking survivors.

Professionally, she has over 10 years of working with survivors impacted by violence. Prior to joining Our VOICE in 2012, Angélica worked at the NCCADV as their Immigrant Outreach Specialist and Pisgah Legal Services as their Bilingual Court Advocate where she helped immigrant victims obtain immigration remedies. She was the recipient of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's Visionary Voice Award for North Carolina. Angélica was awarded the WNC Crime Victims' Coalition Award for Victim Advocacy Professional in 2016 and 2011. Angélica has a bachelor's degree in Applied Social Science from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina and a Juris Doctorate from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina.

***Charlene Reiss, Treasurer & Training & Education Membership Chair
Durham Sexual Assault Response Team & Human Trafficking Services Coordinator
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As a nonprofit consultant, Dr. Charlene Reiss serves as the Human Trafficking Services Coordinator and has coordinated the Durham County Sexual Assault Response Team for with Durham Crisis Response Center since 2012. In her role at DCRC, she developed a Youth Relationship Violence Task Force which introduced her to the issues of human trafficking and the need for more attention to the problem in Durham. She has been working with DCRC and partner agencies to create new services in Durham for survivors of human trafficking. She holds a Masters and PhD in nonprofit management and organizational theory from NC State University and has served on the Board of Directors of several nonprofits in Durham.

***Kenny Sumner, Secretary
Executive Director
S.A.F.E. of Rocky Mount
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Kenny Sumner is the Founder/Executive Director of S.A.F.E. of Rocky Mount, an anti-human trafficking Prevention and Victim Referral non-profit that serves Nash, Edgecombe, and Halifax County, North Carolina. A retired teacher, Kenny saw first-hand the devastating effects of human trafficking on students and families and is dedicated to seeking solutions to fight trafficking through any means possible. He and his staff have tirelessly presented the anti-human trafficking message to countless of audiences throughout the state of North Carolina and at national conferences. Kenny currently serves as the Secretary for NCCAHT and sits on the Board of Directors of NCCAHT, as well.



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MEET THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS

COMMUNITY/FAITH-BASED

Miriam Cobb, Empty Frames Initiative, Community/Faith Based Chair
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Miriam Cobb is founder and director of Empty Frames Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering orphaned and vulnerable youth as they transition out of state care. She’s a committed Christian, passionate about advocating for people without a voice. This work has brought her to the major intersection of those in state care and those susceptible to human trafficking.

Working in multiple non-profit capacities with groups like Josiah Venture and North Ridge Church, Miriam has a wide range of experiences, from teaching ESL in Eastern Europe to writing contingency plans to organizing events. Most recently, her work has focused on the development of a photography-based literacy curriculum that Empty Frames Initiative will use to empower youth to tell their stories. Seeing the connection between orphan/foster care and human trafficking has kept her connected with multiple Raleigh based groups, leading to being a committee chair on the NCCAHT Board of Directors.

GOVERNMENT/LAW ENFORCEMENT

Kiricka Yarbough Smith, Government & Law Enforcement Membership Chair & Special Advisor to the NCCAHT Chair
NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement
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Kiricka Yarbough Smith has over 18 years of combined experience in the areas of mental health, developmental disabilities, substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, and has provided outreach, direct services, resources, and referrals for all survivors of violence. She currently serves as the Human Trafficking Program Director for the NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement Office within the Department of Administration. In addition, Kiricka is a consultant on human trafficking and taskforce development for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), an investigator on UNC-Chapel Hill’s Administration for Children and Families grant to address child trafficking in the child welfare system, a consultant for the DHHS’ Administration for Children, Youth, and Families Trafficking in Persons Office, a faculty member of the Futures Without Violence project since 2010, and a board member of the North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking (NCCAHT). Previously, Kiricka managed the human trafficking program for the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault on their (OVC) grant for over six years. She has also been a consultant with the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC) since 2017. Kiricka fosters collaboration to address human trafficking within domestic violence and sexual assault cases and provides training across many areas of professional service.



General Membership Meeting
Tentative Agenda
May 2, 2019
10:00am-12noon

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Asheville – 100 Otis Street #233, Asheville, NC 28801
 - Greensboro – 101 South Edgeworth Street, 4th Floor, Greensboro, NC 27401
 - Raleigh – 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 800, Terry Sanford Federal Bldg & US Courthouse, Raleigh, NC 27601

- **Heroin Education Action Team (HEAT) Presentation-** United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina

- President's Report

- Treasurer's Report

- Committee Reports
 - Training /Education
 - Government/Law Enforcement
 - Direct Services
 - Faith-Based/Community

- Strategy Planning Survey

- Communication Coordinator's Report

Next Meeting Date: August 1, 2019

Adjournment

