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**Global Human Trafficking Summit
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Speaker Bios and Materials**

Dr. Dana Hunter

Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention

Dr. Dana R. Hunter is a native of Baton Rouge, LA. In February of 2017, after serving in various leadership roles in academia and government, she was appointed by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention. She works closely with the Governor's and my offices to facilitate statewide anti-human trafficking efforts. She also chairs the State Human Trafficking Prevention Commission.

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Bill Woolf

Former Acting Director of Federal Office of Victims of Crime

Bill Woolf has dedicated his personal and professional life to combatting human trafficking. He started his professional career as a police officer, and later became a Gang Detective where he encountered the insidious crime of human trafficking. He's served in many leadership capacities at the national level including Special Advisor to the White House for Human Trafficking, US Dept. of Justice Human Trafficking Programs Director, Acting Director of the Office for Victims of Crime as well as Principal Deputy Director where he provided oversight of nearly \$6.5 billion dollars in grant programs. He received national recognition and was awarded the "Presidential Medal for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons". Among all of his roles and accomplishments, Bill is most proud of his six incredible children who continue to amaze and surprise him daily.

Anti-Trafficking International: <https://preventht.org/team/bill-woolf/>

Randy Kaiser

Special Agent, Criminal Investigations Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety

Randy Kaiser, began his law enforcement career in 2012 with the Texas Department of Public Safety. In 2016, Mr. Kaiser was promoted to Special Agent within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety where his primary focus has been on Human Trafficking and the exploitation of children. In 2020, Special Agent Kaiser began working with the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Division and the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development in designing a trauma-informed law enforcement course based on the Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model. He is now a certified Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) practitioner and works with other systems to train law enforcement officers on the importance of using a trauma-informed care approach.

You can listen to a podcast episode featuring Randy here:

<https://child.tcu.edu/tag/andy-kaiser/#sthash.JdIsfksz.dpbs>

Thomas Mitchell

Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House, Board Certified Trauma Clinician

Mr. Thomas Mitchell serves as the Executive Director of a Louisiana Children's Advocacy Center - Hope House. Thomas began his CAC career with the Carl Perkins Center as a Clinical Therapist. He later became the Director of Clinical Services, providing oversight of trauma therapy in 16-Children's Advocacy Centers across West Tennessee. In 2017, he relocated to the Northshore region of New Orleans to assume the directorship of CAC Hope House. Thomas holds a board certification in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and formal certification in Trust-Based Relational Interventions® as both a Practitioner and Educator. In 2020, he co-authored the book, "Check Out Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy," which was featured live from New York.

Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House: <https://www.cachopehouse.org>

First Lady Sarah Stitt

Sarah Stitt has been married to Governor Kevin Stitt for over 20 years, and together they have 6 children. The First Lady is using her position to raise awareness of the detrimental effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences, to advocate for Oklahomans with mental health diagnoses, and to share the science of hope. She is working with state agencies and private organizations alike to give every Oklahoman the opportunity for a bright and hopeful future, and to make Oklahoma the first Hope-Centered State.

Learn more about First Lady Stitt here: <https://oklahoma.gov/governor/about/first-lady.html>

Dr. Chan Hellman

Chan M. Hellman is a professor of social work at the University of Oklahoma and Director of The Hope Research Center. He has written more than 150 scientific publications and has presented at numerous national and international conferences worldwide. Chan also presented his work on hope with TEDx in May of 2021. Chan's research is focused on hope as a psychological strength helping children and adults overcome trauma and adversity. This research informed the development of the "Hope Centered and Trauma Informed⁰" training program. Chan is the co-author of the award-winning book "Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life" with his co-author Casey Gwinn published by Morgan James. As a result of this work, Chan was one of five invited workshops for Jane Goodall's Activating Hope Summit held November, 2021.

You can view the work of the Hope Research Center here: <http://www.ou.edu/tulsa/hope>

