

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING LOUISIANA DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026  
LDA HEADQUARTERS  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

### AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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- 7:30-8:00 REGISTRATION**
- 7:55-8:00 WELCOME AND COURSE OVERVIEW**  
*Katie LeLeux, Victim Services Attorney*  
*Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Baton Rouge, LA*
- 8:00-9:30 TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN [1.50 CLE HOURS]**  
This session provides a focused examination of the trafficking of children, one of the most urgent and heartbreaking aspects of human trafficking. Attendees will gain insight into the methods traffickers use to exploit minors, the legal frameworks in place to protect victims, and the challenges faced by law enforcement, advocates, and the judicial system. The session will also highlight best practices for identifying, supporting, and advocating for child victims within legal and community settings.  
*Mr. Zachary Popovich, Assistant District Attorney*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District; Covington, LA*  
*Dr. Ongelle J. Bergeron, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC*  
*Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Morgan Rae Center for Hope*
- 9:30-9:40 BREAK**
- 9:40-11:10 HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101 [1.50 CLE HOURS]**  
This session encompasses basic human trafficking knowledge for law enforcement and prosecutors. Let's explore in-depth knowledge of indicators of human trafficking and how to appropriately respond to potential victims and secure a successful prosecution. We will discuss investigative techniques, victim-centered approaches, forensic interviewing, and an actual case study.  
*Jordyn McDempsey, Special Victims Unit Investigator*  
*Louisiana State Police; Baton Rouge, LA*
- 11:10-12:20 LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN**
- 12:20-2:20 FAMILIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING [2.00 CLE HOURS]**  
This session will provide an overview of familial trafficking and how to appropriately identify and respond to individuals who are risk, currently experiencing, or have experienced trafficking by a family member.  
*Mary Kate Andrepont, Director*  
*Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention; Baton Rouge, LA*

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**2:20-2:30**      **BREAK**

**2:30-3:30**      **IDENTIFYING AND DISRUPTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**      **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**

Participants will gain a clear understanding of what constitutes human trafficking, how traffickers operate, and the tactics used to exploit vulnerable individuals. The session will explore common recruitment methods and indicators that trafficking may be occurring within a community. We will discuss case examples, victim identification strategies, and how law enforcement collaborates with community service providers and task forces to investigate cases, support victims, and hold offenders accountable.

*Lt. Kara Adams, Special Victims Unit*

*Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office; Lake Charles, LA*

**3:30-4:30**      **COMPASSION-LED MANAGEMENT**      **[1.00 CLE HOUR]**

Explore how empathy and accountability can work hand in hand to create healthier, more resilient teams. This session will highlight practical strategies for fostering trust, psychological safety, and stronger collaboration through compassionate leadership.

*Heidi Irwin, Licensed Clinical Social Worker*

*Lafourche Parish District Attorney's Office; Thibodaux, LA*

**4:30**      **ADJOURN**

**This event presumptively qualifies for a total of seven hours of continuing legal education credits.**