

Leave No Victim Behind VII – A Renewed Commitment to Victims of Crime

Serving Victims of Mass Violence and Cold Cases

Virtual Conference - October 8-9, 2024

Conference Agenda – CENTRAL Standard Time

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

[Matthew Carmichael](#), Executive Director and Co-Founder, Leave No Victim Behind

[Anita Ahuja](#), Co-Founder, Leave No Victim Behind

[Claire Ponder-Selib](#), Executive Director, National Organization for Victim Advocacy

10:30 a.m. – Opening Keynote

"The Evolution of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Since 2001"

Allison Lee Turkel, Special Master, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

11:15 a.m. - Expert Panel

2021 Christmas Parade Tragedy in Waukesha, Wisconsin

A multidisciplinary discussion on the incident response with a focus on trial support, the courtroom experience, resiliency center services, outreach, partnerships and reflections from survivors.

Susan Oppen, District Attorney, Waukesha County

Captain Dan Baumann, Waukesha Police Department

Jennifer Dunn, Director, Victim/Witness Program, Waukesha County District Attorney's Office

Nichole Voss, Director, United Waukesha Resiliency Center

Vanessa Giraldez, Service Navigator, United Waukesha Resiliency Center

Survivor who testified during the trial

Survivor comments on impact of resiliency center services

12:45 p.m. – Break

1:15 p.m. – Waukesha Expert Panel continued

2:15 p.m. – Break

2:30 p.m. – Expert Panel

2023 Lunar New Year Dance Studio Shooting, Monterey Park, California

A discussion on best practices and challenges from the incident response and effective strategies for working with the Asian-American Pacific Islander community.

Peter Ng, Chinatown Service Center CEO

Nina Loc, Chinatown Service Center and Resiliency Center Director

Ashley Meyers, Supervising Victim Services Representative, LADA Bureau of Victim Services

Tambria DeCorse, Assistant Program Administrator, LADA Bureau of Victim Services

Henry Lo, Mayor, City of Monterey Park

Connie Chung Joe – CEO, Advancing Justice Southern California

4:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker

"The History of Mass Violence Response in Texas"

Karen Kalergis, former Director, Texas Crime Victim Clearinghouse, Office of Governor Ann Richards, Organizational Resiliency Consultant

4:45 p.m. – Dignity Beyond Borders

Kathy Murphy, Program Director



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Welcome Back and Overview of Day 2

10:15 a.m. - Keynote Speaker

“Reflections on the Boston Marathon Bombing”

Amy O'Neill, MS, LPC, Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor

11:00 a.m. – Cold Case Panel comprised of prosecutors, law enforcement, and victims

12:30 p.m. – Break

1:00 p.m. – Giving a Voice to the Missing

Tina and Parrish Bryson – [Michael Bryson Foundation](#)

Cherish Hyland – [Bring Home Chase Robertson](#)

2:30 p.m. – Missing and Indigenous Persons Speaker

Darlene T. Gomez is a lifelong native of Northern New Mexico. She was born and raised in Lumberton, where her ancestors homesteaded before New Mexico was incorporated into the United States. She has been practicing law for over 19 years and specializes in Indian Law, Complex Family Law, and advocating on behalf of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and relatives (MMIWR).

3:30 p.m. – Break

3:45 p.m. – Special Guest Speaker

4:45 – Wrap-up and Closing Remarks