

Heather Quaile

Dr. Heather Quaile is a board-certified, women's and gender health nurse practitioner with training in female sexual medicine from San Diego Sexual Medicine. She is a sexual assault nurse examiner and a sexual health counselor, whose training is in female sexual dysfunction, sexuality counseling and education, and human trafficking.

Recognizing the lack of sexual health awareness in her community and in its providers, Dr. Quaile founded The Sexual Health Optimization and Wellness (SHOW) Center. Her services address physical and psychological aspects of sexuality for those assigned female at birth and those that identify as female. Her training as a women's health nurse practitioner, sexual assault nurse examiner, and a sex counselor enables her to help patients with every aspect of their sexual concerns using a trauma-informed care approach. She is the medical lead for Receiving Hope Center, a first-of-its kind human trafficking center for male, female, and transgender youth in Georgia.

Dr. Quaile is clinical faculty at Georgia State University and adjunct faculty at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She serves on the Board of Directors and is a journal reviewer for the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH). Dr. Quaile is involved in legislation and lobbying in Georgia on issues affecting advanced nursing practice, human trafficking, and maternal/infant mortality.

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Main Conference

8:00AM

Speaker Check In / Registrant Sign In

9:00AM

Mel Meyer

Out of Darkness

10:00AM

Sarah Pederson

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
(CJCC)

Dr. Heather Quaile

Receiving Hope Center

11:00AM

Jerome Elam

Trafficking in America Task Force

12:00PM

Closing Remarks

Who should attend?

**All disciplines, all professionals, all
community members.**

Speakers

Jerome Elam

Jerome Elam is President and CEO of Trafficking in America Task Force. Mr. Elam is a survivor of child abuse/domestic violence, child sex trafficking, and child pornography. He is a fierce advocate for all children deprived of their voice. He is a speaker, staff writer, and columnist for Communities Digital News. Featured as one of New York's New Abolitionists, he is dedicated to the protection and empowerment of trafficked people.

After eight years in the Marine Corps, Mr. Elam attended the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. He went on to spend several years working in the Biotechnology sector. He received the Award for Courage presented by the National Council of Jewish Women for his work in the advocacy arena and has been appointed a Special Advisor to the Attorney General of Utah.

He says this of his life experiences, "I share my experiences in the hope that those suffering in silence will find the courage to speak out and share their voices. I have been blessed to have God reveal His purpose to me in saving innocent children from predators."

Mel Meyer

Mel Meyer is the Director of Atlanta Dream Center's Anti-Sex Trafficking Department, referred to as Out of Darkness. Through years of working as a program director for at-risk youth programs and juvenile justice educational programs, she became aware of the impact of commercial sexual exploitation in the U.S.

After completing a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Administration and developing awareness material with Not For Sale GA, Ms. Meyer joined the Atlanta Dream Center team, where she served as the

Director of Residential Services for five years. In this role, she worked in direct-care services, developed promising practices for crisis care, and directed the crisis safe homes and staff. As of January 2018, she is the Director of all programming in the Anti-Sex Trafficking Department. She has served on the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force for three years, and currently chairs a work group focused on initiatives for adult domestic victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

Sarah Pederson

Sarah Pederson serves as the statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). She coordinates and supports existing and developing SANE programs throughout Georgia. She coordinates training to create opportunities for continuing education for SANE nurses and other disciplines within the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

Prior to her role as the SANE Coordinator on the CJCC, Ms. Pederson coordinated the SANE services provided to patients within Cobb, Cherokee, and Paulding counties by live SAFE Resources (formerly YWCA of Northwest Georgia).

Recently, Ms. Pederson was the recipient of the 2019 Pat Head Dignity Award. The Pat Head Dignity award is given each year to someone in law enforcement, victim services, the community, or legislature that exemplifies the standard of "Doing the Right Thing" when it comes to serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Ms. Pederson has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Kennesaw State University. She also holds credentials as a registered nurse and certified SANE-A and SANE-P.

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