

Rockland County Department of Mental Health  
Child and Adolescent Workgroup

*Presents*

*39th Annual Conference*

**Child Trafficking and Exploitation:  
Identification and Best Practices**

*With Lori Stella, LCSW-R*

**Thursday,  
May 9, 2019  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Stony Point Center**  
17 Cricketown Road  
Stony Point, NY  
10980

**Co-Sponsor:**

**The Trauma Institute of Orange  
County**

**Registration is required:**

Register by May 1, 2019

[www.bookeo.com/octraumainstitute](http://www.bookeo.com/octraumainstitute)

**Conference Cost: \$60**

**Includes breakfast and lunch**

**CEU Cost: \$25**

**Continuing Education Credit:**

This educational offering is acceptable for 3 continuing education contact hours for social workers, mental health counselors, psychoanalysts, creative arts therapists, and marriage & family therapists. Full attendance is required to receive credit; variable credit for partial attendance may not be awarded based on State Board guidelines.

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**Keynote: *Not For Sale: An In-depth Look at Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children***

Participants will learn the different types of human trafficking including labor trafficking, sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Vulnerabilities of at-risk populations and what the push/pull factors into “the life” will be discussed. A comprehensive overview of red flag indicators and strengthening responses to human trafficking will be provided.

**About the Keynote Presenter**

Lori Stella, LCSW-R received her Masters in Social Work from Barry University in Miami Shores, FL in 2007. Ms. Stella is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Program Director for The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie Safe Harbour Program. In October 2016, Ms. Stella developed the Safe Harbour Program in an effort to provide residential services for youth that are at risk and/or survivors of human trafficking and sexual assault. This is only the second program of its kind within New York State. Ms. Stella serves as Co-Chair for the Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASADA) and serves as a member of several anti-trafficking task forces around the Hudson Valley region. In 2011, Ms. Stella testified as an expert witness in a ground-breaking sexual abuse case that allowed for a comfort dog to be utilized in a court hearing with a vulnerable child witness. This was the first ever case in New York State, and her testimony has paved the way for courthouse dogs to now be utilized within New York. Ms. Stella has advocated tirelessly with colleagues to advocate for more trauma sensitive and developmentally appropriate courts for children. She has travelled nationally and internationally to conduct trainings, and co-authored book chapters and journal articles regarding this issue. Ms. Stella received the 2017 Hudson Valley 40 Under 40 Shaker Award for her professional contributions to the child welfare profession and community.



# Afternoon Workshops

**Rockland County  
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The goals of the Child and Adolescent Workgroup are to share new programming, disseminate information on evidence-based best practices and identify needs and gaps in services.

**Directions to  
Stony Point Center**

**17 Cricketown Road  
Stony Point, NY 10980**

**From the South:** Take Palisades Parkway North to Exit 15. Note sign “Stony Point” and turn in direction of arrow (Route 210 East.) Continue 2-1/2 miles to traffic light at Route 9W. Turn left. Go 1/4 mile over bridge to next light and turn left onto West Main St. Go 1/2 mile to Cricketown Rd. and turn right. The Center is on the left.

**From the North:** NYS Thruway South to Exit 16 (Harriman). East on Rt. 6 to Palisades Parkway South to Exit 15. Follow directions above.

***Thinking Outside the Box: Theoretical Implications and Clinical Modalities in Working with Commercially Sexually Exploited Children***

This workshop is dedicated to clinicians working with youth at risk of or experiencing exploitation and human trafficking. The facilitator will discuss how to engage with youth on a therapeutic level and identify the clinical challenges in working with this population. The workshop will review a variety of clinical frameworks and techniques to utilize within the therapeutic setting including individual, family and group therapy.

Lori Stella, LCSW-R, Program Director, Safe Harbour Program  
The Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie

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***In our backyard: “What’s Happening in Rockland County?”***

Participants will get an in depth understanding of what Human Trafficking looks like in Rockland County. They will learn the common patterns to look for and how to engage youth who are survivors or at risk for commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Practical skills, case examples and assessment tools will be provided.

Dariela Vasquez, LMSW, Program Manager of Human Trafficking Services  
Center for Safety and Change

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***A Criminal Justice Perspective on Human Trafficking in Rockland County: Past, Present and Future***

This workshop will explore the law enforcement response to human trafficking in Rockland County. It will include discussion of the first successful prosecution of a human trafficking case in NYS which occurred in Rockland, the response to trafficking around major sports events and what's being done currently to combat this crime.

Jennifer Parietti, Supervising Assistant District Attorney, and  
Det. Lt. Mary B. Murphy  
Rockland County District Attorney’s Office