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On the Margin

FOSTER YOUTH AT RISK
FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join the Ohio State Bar Foundation's 2019 Fellows Class for On the Margin: Foster Youth at Risk for Human Trafficking, an educational symposium highlighting the alarming number of Ohio kids in foster care who fall victim to human trafficking.

April 27 • Ohio Statehouse
Reception 5 PM
Program Begins at 6 PM

Hear from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, human trafficking survivors, and other experts who are fighting to address this concerning issue. Discussions will be led by former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown and will focus on educating and, more importantly, action.

Throughout the evening, the event will highlight organizations who are on the frontlines working with survivors, kids, and the community. Learn what they are already doing to help foster youth and those in human trafficking and how you can get more involved.

Let's learn, educate, and work together to protect Ohio's vulnerable youth.

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On the Margin: Foster Youth at Risk for Human Trafficking?**



During the symposium, hear from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost followed by expert panelists on the issues facing foster youth and why they are especially at risk for human trafficking. You will learn the signs to look for in people who are being trafficked and the techniques used by traffickers to trap their victims. Hear what existing services are already in place in Ohio to help foster youth and to help combat human trafficking. Panelists will also discuss what has worked, what has failed, and ideas for the future on fighting for foster youth and putting an end to human trafficking.

GET TO KNOW THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's legal career began at Burkam, Yost, and Fuller in Delaware. After four years as Delaware County Auditor, he became Delaware County Prosecutor in 2003. During his tenure, Attorney General Yost prosecuted the county's first capital case and brought down the largest drug ring in Delaware County's history. He also served on the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Rules and Practice and on the Board of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. In 2011, Attorney General Yost became Ohio Auditor of State and directed investigations that aided in the convictions of 170 corrupt public officials. After two terms as Auditor of State, he was elected Ohio Attorney General in 2018, assuming office on January 14, 2019.

As Attorney General, Yost has prioritized fighting the opioid crisis and human trafficking. He has launched scientific initiatives to curb the number of Ohioans succumbing to substance use disorder and has also increased human trafficking enforcement while pushing for legislation that will allow more effective prosecutions of buyers and sellers in trafficking transactions.

GET TO KNOW THE MODERATOR

Yvette McGee Brown

Former Justice McGee Brown was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court by then Ohio Governor Ted Strickland in December 2010 to fill the seat vacated by Justice Maureen O'Connor when voters elected her Chief Justice. Former Justice McGee Brown assumed the office on January 1, 2011 as the first African-American woman to serve as a justice on the state's highest court. After joining the court, she became chair of an interagency taskforce focused on improving the educational outcomes for children in foster care.

Former Justice McGee Brown has been an active community and corporate leader. She has served on the boards of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Ohio University, the OSU Wexner Medical Center, the National Council of the OSU Moritz College of Law, M/I Homes Inc., and Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio. She is the former chair of the United Way of Central Ohio, The Ohio State University Alumni Association and the YWCA Columbus Board of Directors. In 2008, Former Justice McGee Brown was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

After leaving the Supreme Court, Former Justice McGee Brown joined the Columbus office of Jones, Day, Reavis, and Pogue as a partner practicing business and tort litigation. She also currently serves on the board as a director for Encova Insurance.



A very special component of this symposium will be honoring organizations that are working with foster youth and victims of human trafficking. Ticket sales and sponsorship will go directly to helping these organizations continue their work impacting lives.

GET TO KNOW THE PANELISTS

Jason Beever

Jason Beever began his law enforcement career in 1996. In 2001, he was hired as a U.S. Customs Special Agent in Detroit, Michigan, before eventually transitioning in 2003 to the newly created Department of Homeland Security. As a special Agent, he has worked on numerous investigations, including child exploitation. In 2012, Agent Beever came to Columbus to become a Supervisory Special. Leading a team of approximately 20 agents, he and his team investigate national security threats, human trafficking, child exploitation, narcotics trafficking, financial crimes, and other violations of federal law in Central Ohio.

Hollie Daniels

Hollie Daniels is a five-year survivor of human trafficking. She currently works as a victim advocate for the Columbus City Attorney's office while attending school. Hollie is a co-founder of Reaching for the Shining Starz, a nonprofit organization that provides resources to women caught in addiction, homelessness, and sex trafficking on the streets of Columbus.

Bhumika Patel

Since 2018, Bhumika Patel has been working at the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) as the Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator. In this grant-funded role, she provides training and technical assistance to those working with trafficked children involved in child welfare and juvenile justice and is making a difference in the lives of society's most vulnerable children.

Stephanie Rollins

Stephanie Rollins is a thirty-year survivor of human trafficking. She has seven years of sobriety and has been living successfully and self-sufficiently in her own apartment for the last three years. She contributes her success to her graduation from CATCH Court in 2015 and from the Amethyst Program in 2017. Now, Stephanie serves as the Prevention Education Coordinator at Gracehaven.

Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio

Judge Teodosio has been serving as a judge for the Summit County Juvenile Court since her election in 2003. She is recognized for her innovative programming and progressive approach to juvenile dispositions and rehabilitation. In the Summit County Juvenile Court, she has developed Restore Court, a program that addresses youth who become court-involved but who have been identified as victims of human trafficking. Judge Teodosio is also President-Elect of the Ohio State Bar Association.

GET TO KNOW THE HONOREES

Advocating Opportunity

Advocating Opportunity (AO) provides legal services and whole person advocacy for human trafficking victims. Providing access to legal advocates gives human trafficking victims a voice in the judicial system and in their community, leveling the playing field and creating an opportunity for victims to choose their life's course. AO strives to end human trafficking through outreach, education, legal services, and whole person advocacy on each victim's behalf.

CASA of Franklin County

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Franklin County's vision is to ensure that every abused and neglected child has a voice in court in order to make a positive impact on the child and community. CASA recruits, screens, trains and supports community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children.

Ohio Justice & Policy Center

The Ohio Justice & Policy Center (OJPC) creates fair, intelligent, and redemptive criminal-justice systems through zealous client-centered advocacy, innovative policy reform, and empowering community education. OJPC does this with a tightly integrated, three-part strategy, which includes reducing the size and racial disparity of the state prison population, expanding the freedom of people with criminal records to fully contribute to their communities, and protecting the human rights and dignity of incarcerated people. The organization also assists survivors of human trafficking to become fully-reintegrated, empowered members of the community. OJPC helps survivors overcome criminal-records-based barriers through record sealing, Certificates of Qualification for Employment, Safe Harbor expungements, pardons, and more.

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