

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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COLUMBUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL HOSTS EVENT FOCUSED ON PROTECTING HOUSES OF WORSHIP

The U.S. Attorney's Office's Columbus Community Engagement Council joined with the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, local law enforcement and the interfaith community at Noor Islamic Cultural Center on October 9 to discuss protecting houses of worship.

Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker provided an overview of federal statutes used to prosecute hate crimes. FBI Special Agent in Charge Angela L. Byers and Columbus Police Lieutenant Brent Mull provided a threat briefing, including national statistics of hate crimes and active shooter situations and a summary of local reports.



Noor Islamic Cultural Center

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor Bob Winters discussed security planning and lessons learned from site visits. Imran Malik spoke to the local interfaith experience of safety planning.

Resources related to active shooter preparedness and infrastructure protection and a webinar guide for conducting security assessments can be found at: www.dhs.gov/community-outreach-and-training.

The Columbus Community Engagement Council is a group led by the U.S. Attorney's Office, with the intent of building relationships with and learning from community leaders who represent the city's diversity in terms of ethnicity, faith, and sexual orientation. If you're interested in joining future events, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CO-HOSTS TRAININGS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The U.S. Attorney's Office Dayton Branch coordinated the training "How to Investigate and Prosecute Human Trafficking Cases" on May 5, 2015, with the FBI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, University of Dayton, Clark County Prosecutor's and Sheriff's offices, Dayton Police Department, Greene County Sheriff's and Prosecutor's offices and Montgomery County Prosecutor's and Sheriff's offices.



Survivor and author Theresa Flores served as the keynote speaker and presentations included a legal overview of fundamentals, case identification, victim interviewing strategies, investigative strategies, preparing for indictment and trial and the anatomy of a case. Presenters represented the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, FBI and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Social service agencies also provided information to the more than 200 area law enforcement and prosecutors that participated in the training.

On July 23, 2015, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office co-hosted a human trafficking workshop focused on labor trafficking in Columbus, Ohio. The topics discussed included indicators to look for, vulnerable communities, visa types, victim considerations and a case study. Presenters represented Advocates for Legal Equality, Advocating Opportunity, the FBI, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Salvation Army.

The workshop was designed to provide information to law enforcement officers and analysts, as well as state and local inspectors and investigators who might encounter labor trafficking victims in the course of their duties.

Human trafficking-related resources:

Trauma-Informed Human Trafficking Screenings

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center produced a [new training](#) to provide concrete recommendations for first responders to ensure that interviews with potential victims are sensitive to trauma, will build trust and increase receptivity to services.

An Overview of Child Sex Trafficking

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center produced a new presentation to provide a brief [overview of child sex trafficking](#), including risk factors, network characteristics, trafficking indicators, models for institutional response, and promising practices for serving youth.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS OHIO JUDGE FOR CREATING SPECIALTY COURT FOR VICTIMS CHARGED WITH PROSTITUTION

The Department of Justice recognized Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Paul M. Herbert with the Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services, for his efforts to change the way society looks at women charged with prostitution, during the National Crime Victims' Rights Service Awards ceremony Tuesday, April 21, in Washington, D.C.

Recognizing that many prostituted women are victims, Herbert started the Changing Actions to Change Habits (CATCH) Court in 1999. CATCH is a two-year specialty court that includes residential detox programs and intensive therapy for these women. Participants receive support and services for the effects of human trafficking, post-traumatic stress disorder, major depression and mental illnesses.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are given a clean slate, with their convictions records dismissed and sealed. The CATCH program has saved taxpayers thousands of dollars in court fees, attorney charges and medical and treatment expenses. Because of this significant impact on Columbus, the specialty court is now being replicated in Dayton, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

At the April 21 ceremony the Justice Department also recognized 11 other individuals and programs for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Descriptions of the honorees are available at the Office for Victims of Crime's Gallery: <https://ovcnvrvw.ncjrs.gov/Awards/AwardGallery/gallerysearch.html>.

The Department's Office for Victims of Crime leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week and hosts an award ceremony each year. President Reagan proclaimed the first Victims' Rights Week in 1981, calling for greater sensitivity to the rights and needs of victims.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS EMPHASIZE CYBER SECURITY WITH PRIVATE SECTOR

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, in coordination with Special Agents in Charge Angela Byers (FBI), Mark Porter (U.S. Secret Service), Marlon Miller (U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations) and Kathy Enstrom (IRS Criminal Investigation), convened area private sector general counsel and information security personnel to discuss cyber security on July 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

Sessions included the current cyber threat landscape, incident response, criminal investigations and prosecutions, information sharing, disclosure requirements and ethics. The day also included a case study from the Western District of Pennsylvania and a view from the bench by The Honorable Michael H. Watson. Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Tabacchi moderated sessions throughout the day.



In recognition of the importance of cybersecurity to the nation, President Obama has designated October as **National Cyber Security Awareness Month**.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has compiled [resources](#) to help people keep themselves, their assets and their personal information safe online, including these basic year-round tips:

- Set strong passwords and don't share them with anyone.
- Keep your operating system, browser, and other critical software optimized by installing updates.
- Maintain an open dialogue with your family, friends, and community about Internet safety.
- Limit the amount of personal information you post online and use privacy settings to avoid sharing information widely.
- Be cautious about what you receive or read online—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

OUT AND ABOUT

- March 10-13: Assistant U.S. Attorneys Pamela Stanek and Vipal Patel served as instructors, focusing on money laundering and asset forfeiture cases, at a State Department seminar in the country of Georgia.
- March 13: Civil Deputy Chief Matt Horwitz presented on the False Claims Act at the University of Cincinnati Compliance Symposium in Cincinnati, OH.
- March 20: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented at a Keep Ohio Beautiful seminar in Dayton, OH.

- March 25: Assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica Knight presented at the Senior Consumer Protection and Healthcare Fraud Prevention event in Cincinnati, OH.
- March 26: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented on the dangers of prescription drug abuse at Lakota East High School in Liberty Township, OH.
- March 27: Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Springer talked about federal law enforcement with seniors at Mariemont High School in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 9: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Assistant U.S. Attorney Margaret Castro presented on the school-to-prison pipeline at the Ohio Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Powell, OH.
- April 9: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Divided Communities Project at The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law in Columbus, OH.
- April 10-11: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at the NOBLE Region IV Annual Conference in Warrensville Heights, OH.
- April 13: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Behlen and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in a regular Multi-Cultural Advisory Council session with FBI in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 15: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented to criminal justice students at Eastland Career Center in Groveport, OH.
- April 15: OCDETF Chief Mike Hunter presented at a criminal justice class at Columbus State Community College in Columbus, OH.
- April 21: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton hosted an international delegation in Columbus, OH focused on countering violent extremism.



- April 22: Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Springer served as the guest speaker at the Mariemont High School Leadership Council luncheon in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 23: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart provided remarks at the annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week event in Cincinnati, OH.
- April 23: Civil Deputy Chief Matt Horwitz presented at the White House Asian American and Pacific Islander Initiative on Bullying in Columbus, OH.
- April 23: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Oakley presented on the dangers of prescription drug abuse at Ursuline High School in Youngstown, OH.
- April 23: Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Behlen and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton hosted an international delegation in Columbus, OH focused on organized crime.
- April 23-27: Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheila Lafferty served as an instructor at the FBI's Digital Evidence Moot Court Program in Williamsburg, VA.
- April 25: Victim Witness Specialist Acquanette Lindsay, Executive Assistant Natia Gresham, Receptionist Lillian Curtis and Legal Assistant Willetta Willis participated in National Rebuilding Together – Dayton.



- April 30: Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Kelley presented at Career Day at North Linden Elementary School in Columbus, OH.
- May 3: OCDETF Chief Mike Hunter spoke at a community rally to reduce violence in Columbus, OH.
- May 5: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented at a Montgomery County Juvenile Court Gun Violence Initiative call-in session in Dayton, OH.
- May 11-12: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Senior Litigation Counsel Douglas Squires presented at the Auditor of State and Ohio Attorney General's Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation & Prevention Conference in Columbus, OH.
- May 13: OCDETF Chief Mike Hunter recorded a segment in the podcast series "I am the Law" at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH.
- May 15: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented on federal healthcare fraud enforcement at the Columbus Bar Association Health Care Fraud Symposium in Columbus, OH.
- May 15: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart provided opening remarks at a Restored Citizens Employment Fair in Columbus, OH.
- May 19: Assistant U.S. Attorney Karl Kadon served as a panelist on a heroin and opiates panel at the Interact for Health learning collaborative in Cincinnati, OH.
- June 2: Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheila Lafferty presented at the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta, GA.
- June 12: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented at a Hamilton Gun Violence Initiative call-in session in Hamilton, OH.
- June 18: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker and Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented at a Montgomery County Juvenile Court Gun Violence Initiative call-in session in Dayton, OH.
- July 14: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented on "Application of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to the Real World" at the Federal Bar Association Admission Ceremony.
- July 25: Appellate Chief Ben Glassman and Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens participated in the Restored Citizens kickoff reentry event in Dayton, OH.
- July 27: Assistant U.S. Attorney Margaret Castro provided remarks at the Cincinnati ADA Silver Anniversary Celebration in Cincinnati, OH.
- Aug. 1: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Restored Citizens school supply drive in Columbus, OH.

- Aug. 5: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton served as a read-aloud guest at the University District Freedom School in Columbus, OH.
- Aug. 13: Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alex Sistla and Kyle Healey, Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton and Victim Witness Specialist Acquanelle Lindsay participated in the kickoff event for the Miami Valley Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force in Dayton, OH.
- Aug. 17: Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Diversity Training in Dayton, OH.
- Aug. 18: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan participated in the FBI cyber roundtable with the business sector in Cincinnati, OH.
- Aug. 22: Appellate Chief Ben Glassman participated in the Dayton Restored Citizens Event in Dayton, OH.
- Sept. 3: OCEDETF Chief Mike Hunter, Law Enforcement Coordinator Brian Capps and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in Congressman Steve Stivers' opiate roundtable in Lancaster, OH.
- Sept. 15: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker participated in the Real Men Read kickoff at Rothenberg Prep Academy in Cincinnati, OH.
- Sept. 17: Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens, Victim Witness Specialist Acquanelle Lindsay and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton co-hosted the second resources and gaps assessment for the Miami Valley Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force in Dayton, OH.
- Sept. 18: Outreach coordinator Jennifer Thornton provided information on human trafficking to new school nurses at the annual Ohio school nurses conference in Reynoldsburg, OH.
- Sept. 23: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented as the keynote speaker at the Columbus Bar Association's Managing Partners Forum in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 2: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart taught a course on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act at the 2015 EEO Academy in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 7: Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim Mangan presented on Privacy and Data Retention during the Cloud Security Workshop at the Financial Services ISAC in Symmes Township, OH.
- Oct. 7: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton and Executive Assistant Natia Gresham attended the kickoff event for Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 8: Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeVillers presented about his work on the Saddam Hussein trial to a group at Congregation Beth Tikvah in Columbus, OH.

- Oct. 9: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Columbus Restored Citizens reentry event in Columbus, OH.

- Oct. 13: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, OCEDEF Chief Mike Hunter and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton attended the Columbus Metropolitan Club event focused on the opiate epidemic in Columbus, OH.

- Oct. 16: Assistant U.S. Attorney Vipal Patel presented at the Ohio State Bar Association's Law and Media Conference in Columbus, OH.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is hosting free Grant Writing seminars on November 3. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and writing proposals. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals are discussed. To register, please [click here](#).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING

Using the Law to Fight Human Trafficking

October 23 @ 9:00 am – 4:45 pm

The Columbus Bar Association, 175 South Third Street, Suite 1100, Columbus, OH

The Columbus Bar Association is hosting a human trafficking training for CLE credit. See their [CLE calendar](#) for details.

Love Heals

November 6-8 @ 3:00 pm @ Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, OH

The Trinity Episcopal Church is hosting an event featuring Reverend Becca Stevens, Founder of Thistlefarms, an innovative social enterprise providing employment and healing for survivors of addiction, trafficking, violence and extreme poverty. [Click here](#) for event details.

Grant Opportunities

SIGN UP FOR FEDERAL GRANT ALERTS

To subscribe to federal grant announcements, visit www.grants.gov/manage-subscriptions.html. Here, you can subscribe to receive email alerts of all grant notices, or you sign up for notices based on criteria such as topic, sub-agency, and funding opportunity number.

Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=278839>

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If you have questions or suggestions regarding community outreach at the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

Graduate Fellowship Program in the Social and Behavioral Sciences
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=278693>

Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=278685>

Reentry Funding

The National Reentry Resource Center funding [webpage](#) provides information on grant opportunities related to reentry and diversion initiatives.

UNCHAINED Survivor Scholarship Fund

The UNCHAINED Survivor Scholarship will be awarded to survivors of human trafficking in Ohio to empower survivors to become thrivers through education. Applications and scholarship criteria are available on the [UNCHAINED website](#). The deadline to apply is November 1, 2015.

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